

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

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<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115>
 <116>
 <117>
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

No

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
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<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	613019ak610.pdf

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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**(800) Operating Companies
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	OTZ Telecommunications, LLC

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Yes

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Native Village of Ambler
 Buckland IRA Council
 Deering IRA Council
 Kiana Traditional Council
 Kivalina IRA Council
 Kobuk Traditional Council
 Kotzebue IRA Council
 Noatak IRA Council
 Noorvik IRA Council
 Native Village of Selawik
 Shungnak IRA Council

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

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<921>

<922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
 <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
 <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
 <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
 <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
 <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
 <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
 <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 613019ak1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Not Applicable

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130>

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	613019ak3010B.pdf
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3019)	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3022)	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	613019ak3026.pdf

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

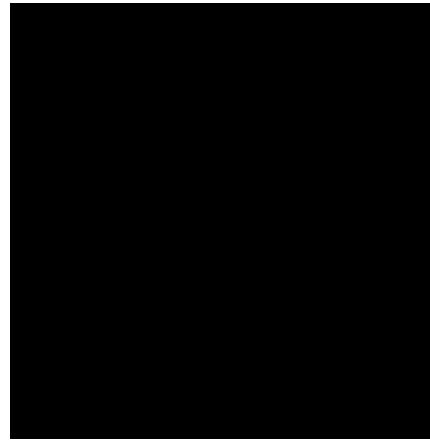
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends



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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: OTZ TEL COOPERATIVE	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/28/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Doug Neal	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9074421000 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 613019	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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AK	Buckland		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86
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AK	Kiana		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86
AK	Kivalina		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86
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AK	Kotzebue		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86
AK	Noatak		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86
AK	Noorvik		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86
AK	Selawik		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86
AK	Shungnak		FR	16.55	5.75	2.56	0.0	24.86

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OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
2016
PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PREAMBLE

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2016 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161) and incorporates all further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was due by Rule, to the requisite regulatory authorities.

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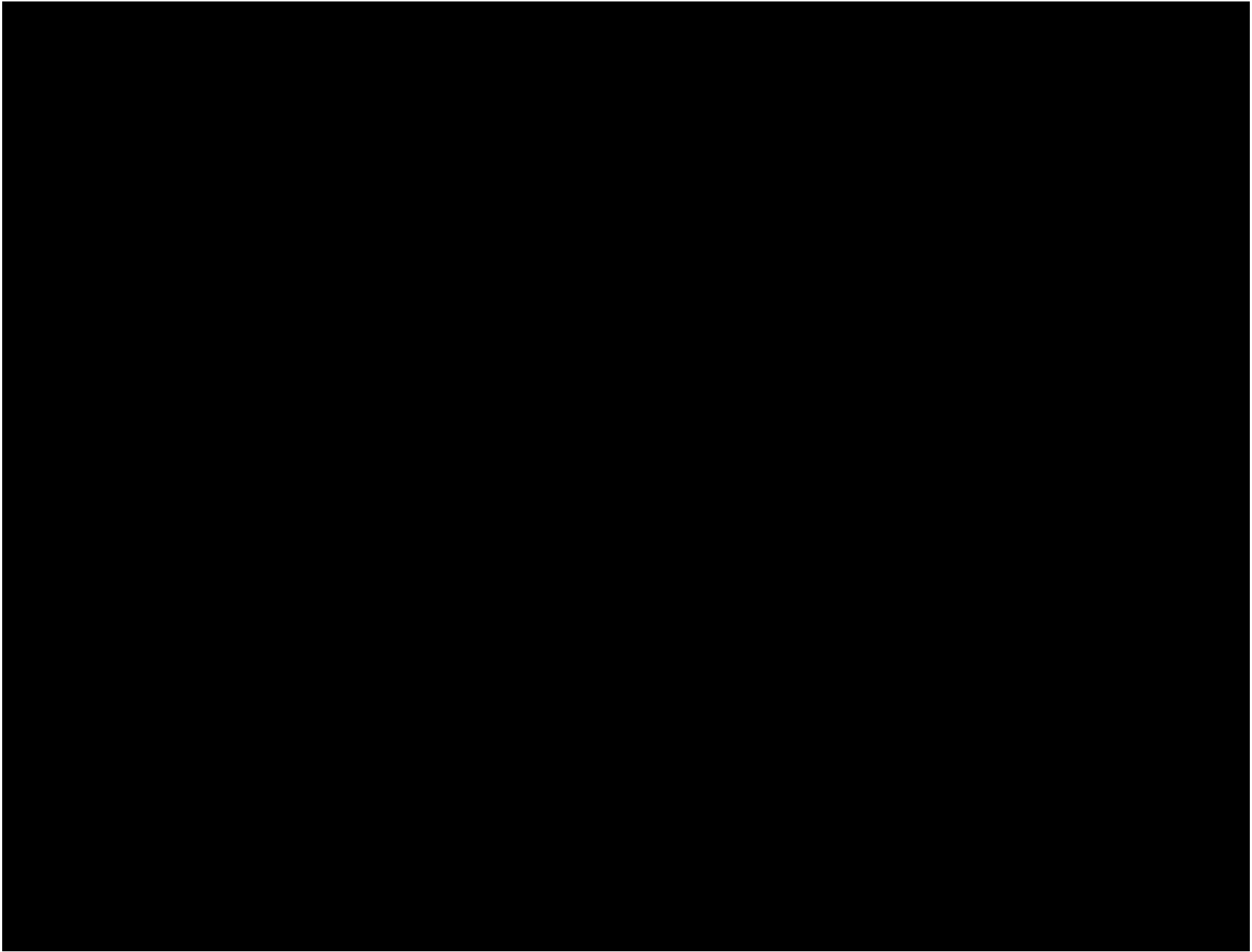
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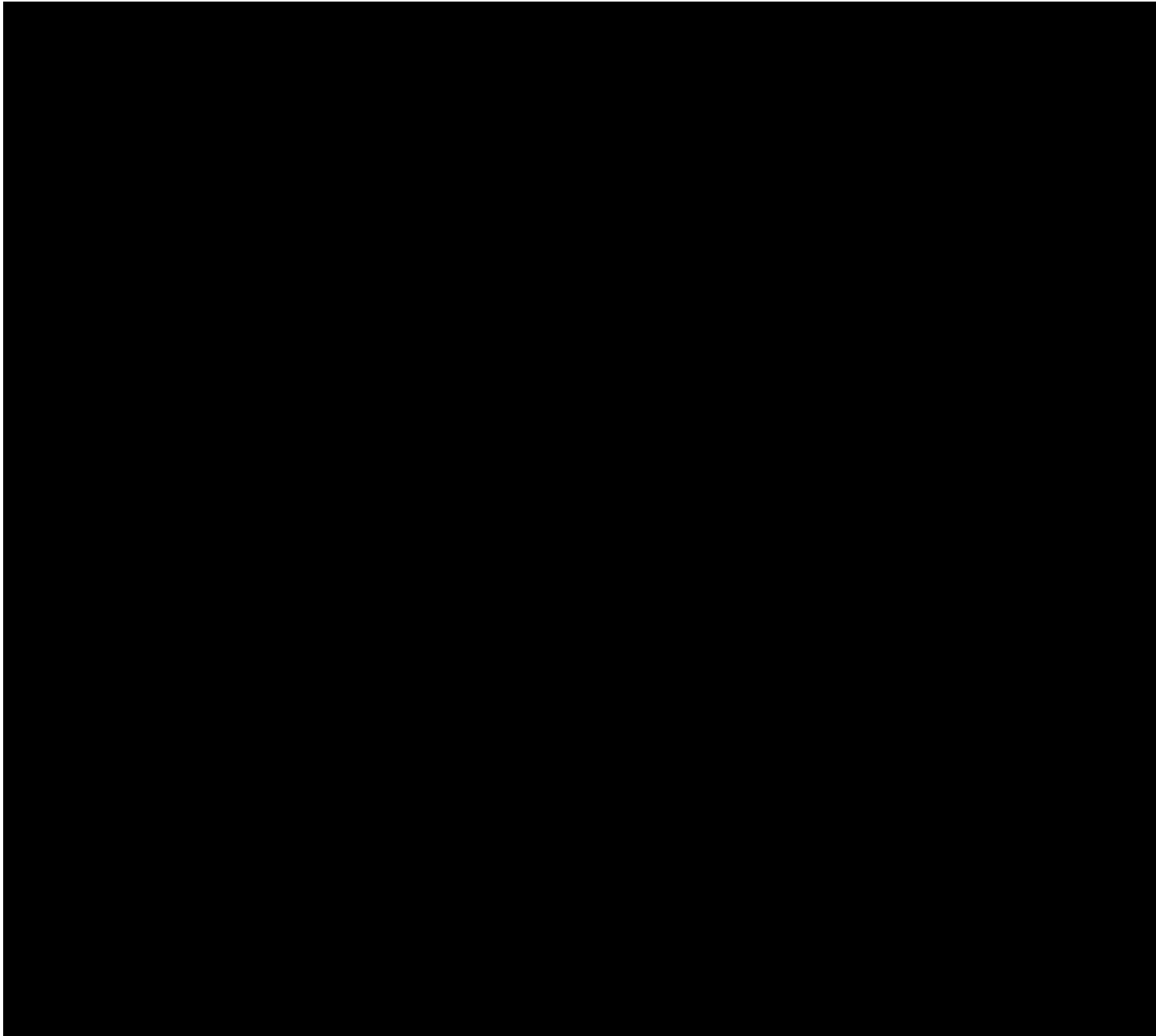
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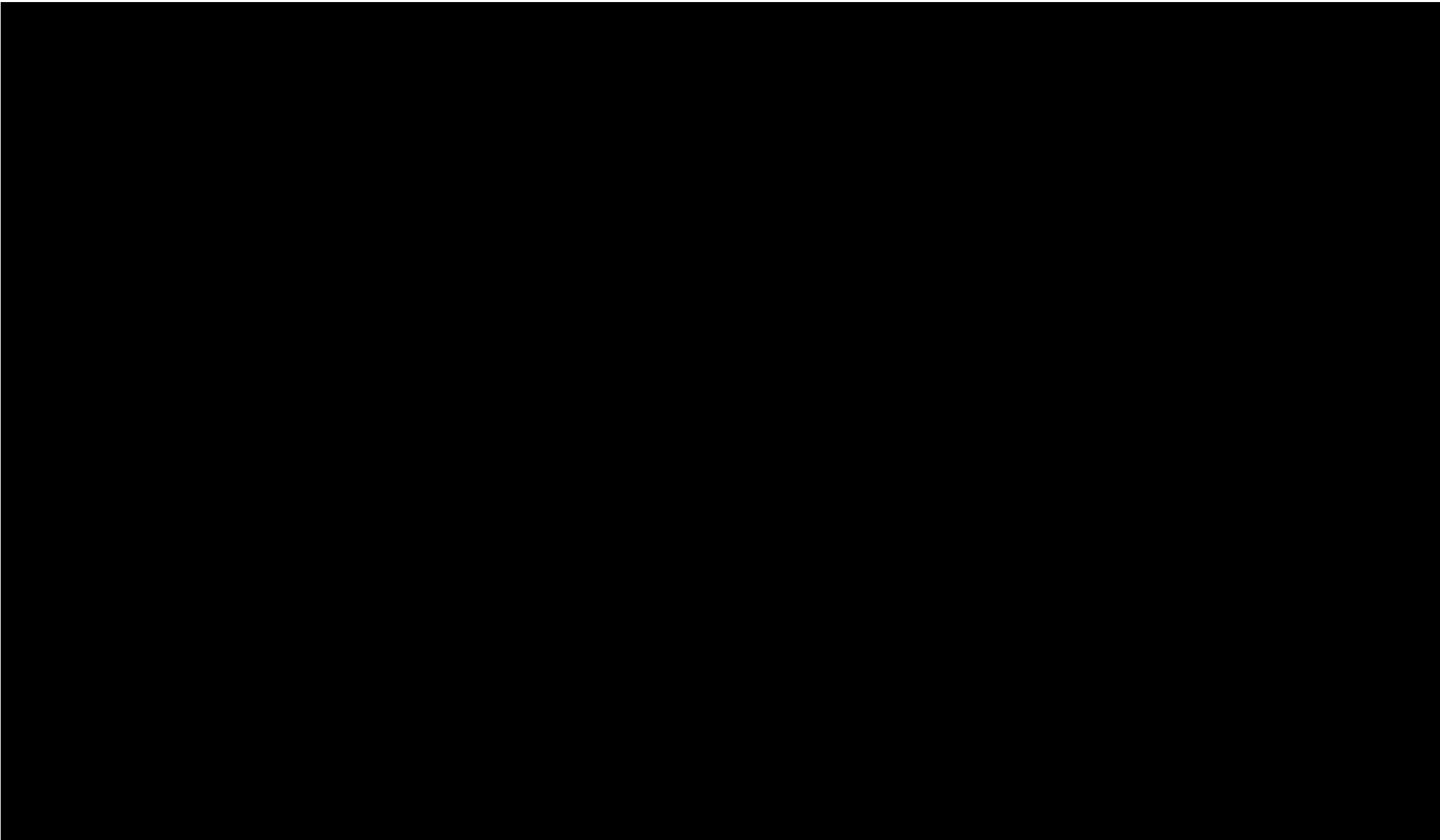
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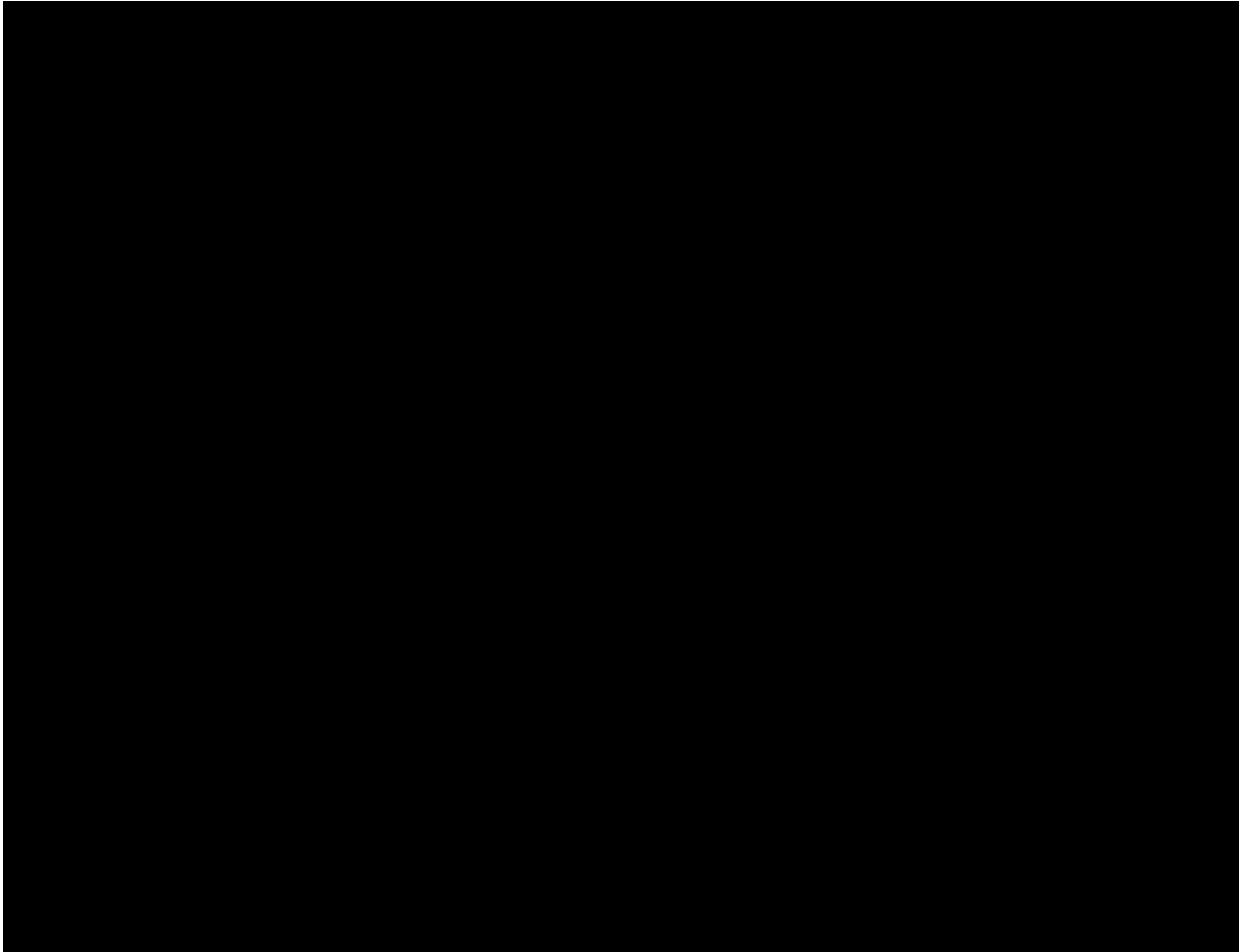
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Re: WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42, Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and § 54.422
Certification via Form 481, Line No. 510

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this letter as certification that **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** makes all reasonable efforts to comply with applicable service quality standards as stated in Alaska Administrative Code 3 AAC 53.700 State Telecommunications Modernization Plan and consumer protection rules as defined in 47 C.F.R. Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft.

OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. adheres to Consumer Protection by complying with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. also adheres to Service Quality Standards by complying with the service standards of the State of Alaska as promulgated in the Alaska Administrative Code 3 AAC 53.700 State Telecommunications Modernization Plan.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Neal
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Re: WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42, Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and § 54.422
Certification via Form 481, Line No. 610

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this letter as certification that **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** will make reasonable efforts to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.202(a)(2) and in Alaska Administrative Code 3 AAC 53.410(a)(12).

Back-up Power

OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has the following back-up power capabilities:

Switches – stand alone and/or host

Ambler CO Switch	Back-up Honda Alpha DCX 3000 48 volt, 3,000 watt generator, and a 48 volt Marathon M12V90's battery plant with four (4) 90 amp hour batteries. Generator fuel storage tank is 3.5 gallons and provides emergency run time of ten (10) hours and additional battery reserve power of four (4) hours.
Buckland CO Switch	Back-up Honda EB 11,000 AC, 10,500 watt generator, and a 48 volt Fiamm FA2014, 600 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 6.9 gallons and provides emergency run time of five (5) hours and additional battery reserve power of seventeen (17) hours.
Deering CO Switch	Back-up Honda EB 11,000 AC, 10,500 watt generator, and a 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 85-15, 630 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 6.9 gallons and provides emergency run time of five (5) hours and additional battery reserve power of twenty-three (23) hours.

Kiana CO Switch	Back-up Honda EB 11,000 AC, 10,500 watt Generator, and a 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 85-15, 630 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 6.9 gallons and provides emergency run time of five (5) hours and additional battery reserve power of twenty-three (23) hours.
Kivalina CO Switch	Back-up Honda EB 11,000 AC, 10,500 watt generator, and a 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 95-17, 760 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 6.9 gallons and provides emergency run time of five (5) hours and additional battery reserve power of twenty-one (21) hours.
Kobuk CO Switch	Back-up Honda Alpha DCX 3000 48 volt, 3,000 watt generator, with a 48 volt Marathon M12V90's battery plant with eight (8) 90 amp hours batteries. Generator fuel storage tank is 3.5 gallons and provides emergency run time of ten (10) hour and additional battery reserve power of six (6) hours.
Kotzebue CO Switch	Back-up Honda Alpha DCX 3000 48 volt, 3,000 watt generator, and a 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 125-33, 2,000 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 3.5 gallons and provides emergency run time of ten (10) hours and additional battery reserve power of twenty (20) hours.
Noatak CO Switch	Back-up Honda EB 11,000 AC, 10,500 watt generator, and a 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 95-17, 760 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 6.9 gallons and provides emergency run time of five (5) hours and additional battery reserve power of twenty-three (23) hours.
Noorvik CO Switch	Back-up Honda GX 620 AC, 12,000 watt generator, and a 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 95-11, 475 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 6.9 gallons and provides emergency run time of five (5) hours and additional battery reserve power of fifteen (15) hours.
Red Dog CO Switch	Back-up generator is supplied by Teck Cominco Alaska Incorporated. The battery plant is a 48 volt C&D TEL1-105F with 200 amp hour. The battery reserve power is ten (10) hours without the generator.
Selawik CO Switch	A 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 95-17, 760 amp hour battery plant provides twenty-seven (27) hours of reserve power.

Shungnak CO Switch A 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 95-7, 285 amp hour battery plant provides eleven (11) hours of reserve power.

Remote Central Offices None

Subscriber Carrier – Digital Loop Carrier Equipment

Kotzebue Exchange Adtran Back-up Honda Alpha DCX 3000 48 volt, 3,000 watt generator, and a 48 volt Deka Unigy II AVR 125-33, 2,000 amp hour battery plant. Generator fuel storage tank is 3.5 gallons and provides 10 hours run time. Note that run time will be continuous with Village Rep at site to keep the Generator refueled.

Ambler Exchange Adtran Back-up Honda DCX 3000 48 volt, 3,000 watt generator, and a 48 volt Marathon M12V90, 180 amp hour battery plant. With the amperage load at this site, there is 8 hours battery run-time. Generator fuel storage tank is 3.5 gallons and provides 10 hours run time. Note that run time will be continuous with Village Rep at site to keep the Generator refueled.

Kobuk Exchange Adtran Back-up Honda DCX 3000 48 volt, 3,000 watt generator, and a 48 volt Marathon M12V90, 180 amp hour battery plant. With the amperage load at this site there is 8 hours battery run-time. Generator fuel storage tank is 3.5 gallons and provides 10 hours run time. Note that run time will be continuous with Village Rep at site to keep the Generator refueled.

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 2,217 customers with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Offices and their NIDs are powered from the Central Offices.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has stand alone locations connected by satellite. All exchanges except one provide equal access with AT&T and GCI for interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

Ambler Exchange **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** has 86 customers, switching capacity of 160 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 24 simultaneous

calls. **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

Buckland Exchange	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 109 customers, switching capacity of 192 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 288 simultaneous calls. OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.
Deering Exchange	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 69 customers, switching capacity of 128 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 192 simultaneous calls. OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.
Kiana Exchange	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 109 customers, switching capacity of 224 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 336 simultaneous calls. OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.
Kivalina Exchange	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 94 customers, switching capacity of 224 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 336 simultaneous calls. OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.
Kobuk Exchange	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 53 customers, switching capacity of 96 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 24 simultaneous calls. OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.
Kotzebue Exchange	OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 1,220 customers, switching capacity of 4,128 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 2,400 simultaneous calls. OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

Noatak Exchange **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** has 125 customers, switching capacity of 224 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 336 simultaneous calls. **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.


Noorvik Exchange **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** has 124 customers, switching capacity of 256 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 384 simultaneous calls. **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

Red Dog Exchange **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** has 3 customers, switching capacity of 64 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 1056 simultaneous calls. **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

Selawik Exchange **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** has 146 customers, switching capacity of 416 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 624 simultaneous calls. **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

Shungnak Exchange **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** has 79 customers, switching capacity of 112 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 24 simultaneous calls. **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

Sincerely,



Douglas A. Neal
Chief Executive Officer



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Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(9) Certification via Form 481,
Line No. 920

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this letter as certification demonstrating that OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (OTZ) has coordinated with Tribal government as set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(9).

In 2015, OTZ took multiple actions in order to comply with the Tribal Engagement Obligations. OTZ contacted all of the tribal administrators in within OTZ's service area by mailing out letters to each tribal administrator¹. These letters served to inform each tribal administrator of OTZ's responsibility to work with all tribal offices regarding a variety of topics. In addition, the letters mailed served to create a dialogue with tribal leaders, and to identify OTZ Board Members and OTZ employees who are available for any questions or concerns.

Included with the letters sent to tribal administrators were questionnaires². These questionnaires specifically covered the following: (i) A needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community institutions anchor; (ii) Feasibility and sustainability planning; (iii) Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; (iv) Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes; and (v) Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements.

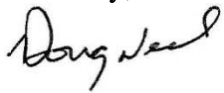
¹ See Tribal Administrators Letter dated September 14, 2015, attached as Exhibit A.

² See Tribal Engagement Questionnaire, attached as Exhibit B.

In addition several OTZ technicians travel to the villages throughout the year. During these visits technicians will make contact with tribal leaders to ensure a dialogue has been opened, and that any questions or concerns are addressed. Lastly, members of the Board of Directors represent each village served, and offer a direct communication link between tribal leadership and OTZ.

Accordingly, OTZ hereby certifies that it has satisfied its Tribal Engagement obligations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(9).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Neal", written in a cursive style.

Douglas A. Neal
Chief Executive Officer

¹ See Tribal Administrators Letter dated September 14, 2015, attached as Exhibit A.

² See Tribal Engagement Questionnaire, attached as Exhibit B.

EXHIBIT A

Tribal Administrators Letter



OTZ TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

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September 14, 2015

Dear Tribal Administrator:

On an annual basis, as part of the Federal Communications Commission's Universal Service requirements, telecommunications companies are required to document that they have engaged Tribal entities to discuss a broad list of topics. Unfortunately, the federal funding OTZ has historically relied upon to maintain existing services and develop new ones continues to decline. We are hopeful that the Alaska Telecommunications Association's Alaska Plan will be approved by the FCC and stop this trend. The Alaska Plan would preserve funding for 10 years, which would provide necessary predictability.

We value your opinion and will continue to do our best to serve your needs to the best of our ability. Even though the vast majority of the members of the Cooperative are Inupiaq, OTZ Telephone Cooperative and its subsidiary company, OTZ Telecommunications, are not legally recognized as tribally owned. Most of the employees and all of the board of directors are Inupiaq as well.

OTZ Telephone Cooperative and OTZ Telecommunications remain committed to the relationship we've built over the years. To meet our regulatory requirements, we are completing a more formal process to solicit your advice. Attached to this letter, please find a questionnaire which will assist us with identifying areas where we may be of assistance to you. Please complete it and return it to us at your convenience, and in advance, thank you so much for taking the time to complete it. The questionnaire covers the following topics:

1. A needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on tribal community anchor institutions.
2. Feasibility and sustainability planning.
3. Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner.
4. Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, and environmental and cultural preservation review processes.
5. Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements.

We welcome any questions you may have and would like to discuss how OTZ Telephone Cooperative and OTZ Telecommunications can best serve the needs of our community. Please direct any questions regarding telecommunications issues or any of the items listed above to me or one of the Board members representing you on the Board of Directors. Board members are listed below:

Marie N. Greene – Kotzebue
Charlie R. Gregg – Kotzebue
Chester L. Ballot – Kotzebue
Larry D. Jones – Noatak and Kivalina
Jane Cleveland – Ambler, Shungnak and Kobuk
Gordon Newlin – Kiana, Noorvik and Selawik
Eunice Hadley – Buckland and Deering

We have technicians who work for us part-time who live in most of our villages and we also have technicians who frequently travel to the villages. Please don't hesitate to raise an issue with a technician and they will relay it to us. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible to bring your needs to us. My direct line is 907-442-1000 so please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Doug Neal
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT B

Tribal Engagement Questionnaire

Tribal Government Questionnaire

Village _____

Individual Completing Report _____

Date _____

Needs Assessment and Deployment Planning

1. How can OTZ better assist you with your telecommunications needs?
2. Are there community or anchor institutions in your community that have yet to receive telecommunications services?
3. Are there tribally driven economic development projects where OTZ and your organization could potentially work together to provide a new telecommunications service to your village?

Feasibility and Sustainability Planning

1. What are the challenges to providing new telecommunications services to your village?

Marketing Services in a culturally Sensitive Manner

1. Regarding marketing materials, are there ways that OTZ could market its services in a more culturally sensitive manner?

Rights of Way Processes, Land Use Permitting, Facilities Siting, Environmental and Cultural and Preservation Review Processes

OTZ is already required to adhere to strict regulations regarding environmental and cultural preservation. We are also required to make certain that we build our plant in the right-of-ways as designated by the village, and follow a host of other state and federal regulations as well.

1. Are there any additional tribal regulations or review processes that OTZ should be aware of for your village?

Compliance with Tribal and Licensing Requirements

To provide telecommunications services, OTZ has in place a long list of federal and state licenses.

1. To provide telecommunications services in your village, are there any additional licensing requirements that OTZ is not aware of that we should have in place?

RCA No. 83 Original Sheet No. 527

Cancelling Sheet No. _____

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OTZ TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

RATE SCHEDULES

RESIDENTIAL EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE

A. Applicability

The rates and terms specified herein apply to residential customers where facilities and conditions permit within the local exchange areas as defined on the maps filed as part of this tariff.

The monthly recurring charges for this service are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges filed in this tariff.

B. Rates

	Monthly Recurring Charge
Each Access Line	\$16.55

Pursuant to:
U-03-85 (11)
& U-03-85 (12)

Tariff Advice No. 41-83

Effective: February 9, 2006

Issued By: **OTZ TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.**

By: Doug Neal

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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Re: WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42, Annual 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(a)(2) Certification via Form 481, Line No. 1210

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this letter as certification that **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** offers Lifeline services as set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.422(a)(2). The following information describes the terms and conditions of all voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers.

For its Wireline Lifeline service, **OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** charges subscribers \$0.00 per month. This amount includes all federally mandated charges and access fees. Subscribers receive unlimited local minutes per month. In order to add long distance service, a deposit of \$90.00 is required.

To qualify, a subscriber must fill out an application and certify that they meet the federal guidelines; copy of the application/certification is included on the following pages.

Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATION FOR LIFELINE SERVICE

PROGRAM RULES: Lifeline is a federal benefit and willfully making false statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment or being barred from the program. OTZ & OTZT are required by the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, to verify your eligibility to participate in the Lifeline program.

Under penalty of perjury you must certify, acknowledge, and agree that the following statements in red are true to the best of your knowledge. Indicate your acknowledgement of each statement with a checkmark.

Only one Lifeline discount is allowed per household, consisting of either telephone or cell service. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers. Violation of the one-per-household requirement constitutes a violation of FCC rules and will result in your de-enrollment from the program, and potentially, criminal prosecution. A household is any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.

- ☐ **I CERTIFY MY HOUSEHOLD WILL RECEIVE ONLY ONE LIFELINE SERVICE AND, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT ALREADY RECEIVING LIFELINE SERVICE.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Billing Phone Number
Street Address (not a P.O. Box)	City	State	Zip Code
The address listed above is <input type="radio"/> Permanent OR <input type="radio"/> Temporary			
Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		

BILLING ADDRESS

Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You will be required to demonstrate eligibility based on (1) Participation in one of the assistance programs listed below; OR (2) Household income at or below 135% of Federal Poverty guidelines for your household size.

- ☐ **I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I OR A MEMBER OF MY HOUSEHOLD MEETS THE INCOME-BASED OR PROGRAM BASED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING THE LIFELINE DISCOUNT.**

Indicate by checkmark the program for which you are providing a document demonstrating your current program:

Alaska State Assistance Programs

- ☐ Adult Public Assistance Program
- ☐ Child Care Assistance Program (PASS I, II, & III)
- ☐ Woman, Infants and Children's Program (WIC)
- ☐ Alaska Heating Assistance
- ☐ Pioneer Home Payment Assistance
- ☐ Denali Kid Care
- ☐ Senior Care
- ☐ Alaska State Housing Corporation Programs
(Public Housing, Interest Rate Reduction for Low
Income Borrowers, Low Income Housing Tax Credit,
Home Investment Partnership Program)

U.S. Federal Assistance Programs

- ☐ Medicaid (not Medicare)
- ☐ SNAP (Food Stamps)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income
- ☐ Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- ☐ Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ Head Start (only if meeting income/qualifying standards)
- ☐ National School Lunch Program
- ☐ Tribal Administered Assistance for Needy Families
- ☐ VA Pension or VA Disability Pension
- ☐ Senior Citizen Housing Development Fund

- ☐ **I AGREE TO ATTACH A COPY OF A STATEMENT OF BENEFITS (CURRENT OR PRIOR YEAR) OR LETTER OF PARTICIPATION OR PARTICIPATION DOCUMENT (BENEFIT CARD) OR OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SHOWING PARTICIPATION IN STATE, FEDERAL OR TRIBAL PROGRAM. OTZ WILL NOT RETAIN DOCUMENT.**

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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A year to remember in northern athletics

BY TOMMY WELLS
The Arctic Sounder

When historians begin digging through the artifacts that were 2015, there's really only one thing that they will be able to say when the talk turns to athletics. A simple, "Holy Cow!" will suffice.

To be sure, the North Slope and Northwest Arctic regions provided their share of athletic highlights during the past year and captured their fair share of championships, including bring the Class 3A state basketball trophy to Barrow for the first time.

The 2015 season came in like a lion ... err, better make that like a Whale. The Barrow Whalers boys' and girls' basketball team set the stage for what would be a historic run in the first week of 2015 by grinding out strong finishes at the Anchorage Christian Schools Lime Solar/Pepsi Invitational Basketball Tournament. The Whalers nailed down second in the boys' division, while the Barrow girls breezed to the top spot in the girls' bracket.

The BHS teams weren't the only area teams making a strong showing at the ACS tournament. The Kotzebue boys and girls and the Point Hope girls teams also turned in solid showing.

The Huskies finished fourth in the boys' division, while the KHS girls took sixth in their classification. The Point Hope girls finished fifth overall.

The wins kept coming for the Kotzebue the following weekend as they raced their way to third at the Nome Subway Showdown. Sparked by double-digit efforts from Bish Callahorn, Braeden Schaffer and Evan Reich, Kotzebue nailed down a 69-46 victory over No. 1-ranked Unalakleet on Saturday afternoon and locked up a three-way tie for the top spot at the 2015 Nome Subway Showdown. Kotzebue finished the

four-team, round-robin tournament with a 2-1 record, matching the marks posted by Western Conference rivals Nome and Bethel Regional.

Despite the identical records, the Huskies finished third in the final standings based on a tie-breaker based on point differential. Bethel was declared the 2014 champion, with Nome taking second.

The Kotzebue girls finished third in the final team standings at the Nome Subway Showdown. Overall, the Kotzebue girls went 1-2 in the four-team round-robin tournament.

The Barrow teams also received some good news that week. Both teams climbed to No. 3 in the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

The area's basketball players weren't the only ones making news in January. In Mid-January, John Baker turned in a stellar outing in the 2015 Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race in Bethel. Despite a rainy trail, the Kotzebue standout finished eighth overall.

Back on the basketball court, the Barrow boys and girls were beginning to hit stride. The BHS girls picked up 14 points from Rose Mongoyak and 12 more from Alaina Wolgemuth a week later and raced to a 67-29 rout of the Monroe Catholic Lady Rams in the final round of the Joe T Classic at Lathrop High School in Fairbanks. With the win, Barrow nailed down second in the final team standings at the three-day event with a 2-1 record.

The BHS boys sent a shockwave through the Class 3A basketball ranks in the finals of the Joe T Classic. The Whalers raced to a thrilling 56-49 come-from-behind victory over the No. 1-ranked Monroe Catholic Rams in the finals of the tournament, which was played at Lathrop High School in Fairbanks.

While the Barrow teams were heating up, the Kotzebue Huskies were sprinting to a

third-place finish at the Nikiski Tip Off Tournament.

Barrow's boys and girls closed out the month of January with a sweep of two games in Kotzebue.

Barrow didn't miss a beat when February raised its head on the North Slope. The BHS boys' and girls' basketball teams opened the month by cruising to the 2015 Whaler Invitational Basketball Tournament. As a team, the Whalers posted a perfect 3-0 record in the event, including a pair of key victories over Class 4A teams from Wasilla and Eagle River.

En route to winning the girls' championship, the Lady Whalers posted a perfect 3-0 record, including clutch victories over Eagle River, Eielson and West Anchorage.

A week later, the BHS Lady Whalers took to the court to face off with Western Conference rival Bethel Regional High School. The Lady Whalers scored 20 of the game's first 22 points and rolled to an easy 55-40 victory.

The Barrow boys also netted a couple of wins over Bethel. They downed the Warriors by scores of 62-45 and 44-38.

While the Whalers' basketball teams were making waves in February, Kotzebue's Trevor Hickerson was starring as an individual on the wrestling mat. He posted a 2-1 record in the event and finished second in his weight classification at the Houston wrestling tournament.

Overall, Hickerson rolled up 10 points and helped Kotzebue finished 15th in the team standings.

As a team, the Kotzebue Huskies' basketball team also did well. The KHS cagers pounded out a sixth-place finish at the 2015 Valdez Elks Invitational Basketball Tournament. As a team, the Huskies went 1-2 in the tournament, including a win over the Valdez Buccaneers in the consolation semifinals.

When the calendar turned to March, all eyes turned toward Barrow's boys' and girls' basketball teams. Now ranked No. 1 in both the girls' and boys' polls, the Barrow teams rolled through the Western Conference tournament and earned berths in the Class 3A state tournament.

By winning the Western Conference title, the Barrow boys ended Bethel's two-year stranglehold on the conference championship.

The Whalers weren't the only area teams garnering state tournament berths, though. The Noorvik Bears survived a 56-54 double-overtime battle with Noatak to win the Northwest Conference title and clinched a trip to state. Courtney Hadley and the Buckland Sissauuni won the Northwest Arctic Conference's girls' crown with a win over Selawik.

Alak and Anaktuvuk Pass also punched tickets to state by to the North Slope Conference Tournament. The Point Hope Harpoonettes also advanced to state by winning the Great Northwest Conference title.

Barrow and Alak capped their seasons with state titles in mid-March.

The Alak Huskies nailed down the second-ever state championship by edging out Buckland, 60-36, in front of a large crowd in the Alaska Airlines Center.

Barrow claimed its first-ever state basketball title by downing two-time defending state champion Monroe Catholic by a 50-50 margin in front of a large crowd in the ASAA/First National Bank Alaska State Basketball Tournament at Sullivan Arena.

With the victory, Barrow became the first Western Alaska team to win the state title since 1983 when Nome-Beltz edged out Noorvik, 67-50, for the Small School state title. Prior to 1982, all schools in the state competed in one classification.

Anaktuvuk Pass, featuring three eighth-grade standouts, also did well at the state tournament. The team finished third overall in the Class 1A standings with a 71-61 victory over the Angoon Eagles in front of a loud and boisterous Wainwright crowd. As a team, the Amagucs went 3-1 in the tournament, with their lone loss coming in a 56-55 nail-biter to eventual state champion Seldovia in the semifinals.

The Barrow girls also finished third - for the second straight year.

With their third-place finish at state, Barrow closed out the 2015 season with a 16-5 record.

The Point Hope Harpoonettes finished fourth in the final Class 2A standings. Featuring one of the younger teams in the tournament, Point Hope went 2-1 in the event, including a 44-40 come-from-behind victory over the Nenana Lynx in their final bout.

The region's first state title actually came earlier in the week when the Barrow High School cheerleaders won the 2015 Class 3A state champion in the Non-Building category at the state cheerleading championships.

In April, five area senior athletes were selected to play in the 2015 Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches' senior all-star games. Alak's Jay-Jay Aguiluk and Barrow's Antonio Dunbar were joined in the Class 1A/2A and 3A/4A games by Barrow's Donna Sabo and Nome-Beltz's Klay Baker and Alex Gray.

Also in April, Gus Nelson and Cassidy Kramer helped lead Kotzebue to the top spot at the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Native Youth Olympics meet.

Nelson was a one-man scoring machine for the Huskies in the boys' division. He easily won the 2-Foot High Kick and 1-Arm Reach crowns and then cemented his third gold with a narrow victory over Noorvik's



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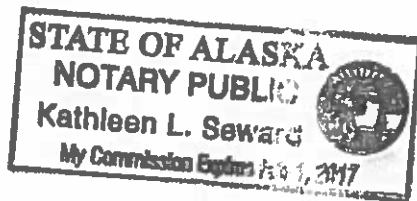
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"If you were a researcher wanting to learn more about an ice seal—what food it preferred, where it has traveled throughout the year, how healthy it was, what changes in the water it saw, and the seal suddenly was able to talk and explain all of the things to you, the scientist, firsthand, you would listen," said Whiting. "The seal is there; the seal knows where it has been, how its environment has changed. Just like the seal, we, the Inupiat people are part of the environment, living and breathing with volumes of knowledge of our ecosystem. The difference is that unlike the seal, we actually can talk. And there is absolutely no reason for others to dismiss our knowledge."

Her father, Alex Whiting, was honored earlier in the year at the 2015 Alaska Federation of Natives convention in Anchorage. He received the Denali Award, which is the highest honor a non-Alaska Native can get from the federation.

He was nominated by NANA Regional Corporation, Maniilaq Association, Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation, and the Native Village of Kotzebue, and received a letter of support from the Selawik National Wildlife Refuge.

Whiting is from Kalamazoo, Michigan. He's been married to his wife, Sikaauraq Martha Whiting, for 25 years. He's lived in Kotzebue since 1989 and worked for the last 18 years as the village's environmental specialist. He's lead ice seal tagging projects in Kotzebue Sound for the last decade and has been the driving force behind changes to Alaska Department of Fish and Game hunting regulations to allow for traditional hunts.

"He has revolutionized the way research is done in the Kotzebue area by always keeping in mind the advice given to him by local elders and by keeping local residents and tribal members involved," said AFN president Julie Nitka. "He also makes an effort to learn and regularly use Inupiat words and phrases and he makes traditional medicine."

Over the years, he's immersed himself in the culture. He was named an honorary member of the village as a result of his dedication.

"It's just like he has Inupiat blood," his daughter Denali said. "He speaks in Inupiat, and goes hunting and tells me to live by Inupiat values."

A legacy of land claims and activism

Inupiat values were at the heart of another memorable moment from the federation this year. The community of the Arctic Slope came together to remember and honor land claims activist Charles "Elok" Edwardsen Jr. who died on a whaling trip in May at age 71.

"We knew Elok to be a fierce fighter of not only the land claims, but we also knew him personally as family, as a friend," said Crawford Patkotak, an executive vice president for the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation at the remembrance in the fall.

He lobbied hard for the people of the North Slope to claim and manage their own land, fighting against the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, saying it was settling too much. He was an icon of the 1960s and 1970s, a time when the world turned upside-down for the people of the North Slope.

"What he has done for all of us will live generation to generation. He'll never be forgotten. And what he fought for yesterday, we continue to fight for today, self-determination, the rights to our hunting, the rights to our lands, basic human rights as natives and for that we are forever grateful," said Patkotak.

He helped found the Arctic Slope Native Association after seeing the Slope go from a non-cash economy to a cash economy.

"He helped us to understand what it means to be owner of our own land," said Marie Carroll, president and CEO of the association. "We all loved him and he'll be really missed."

The native association reached a milestone in November, celebrating 50 years since its inception as an activist organization with the mission of making sense of



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Communities came together to remember and honor land claims activist Charles "Elok" Edwardsen Jr. who died on a whaling trip in May at age 71.

land claims disputes and forging a contemporary governmental system for the Slope.

"When I woke up the morning after the event, what I was thinking was we had so many dedicated men and women, many of whom are gone now, who worked really hard to get some economy going up here to improve the lives of every household," said Carroll. "That's what I went away with, I think, a lot of hard working people in that period when we needed it to make our life what it is today."

The organization started in 1965, in the heat of the land rights battles that forever changed the face of the Slope and the lives of its people. Three activists, Edwardsen, Samuel Simmonds, and Guy Okakok, Sr., came together to establish a platform from which to engage in the lengthy and contentious debates that marked those years.

At the first meeting of its board of directors, the group discussed their plans for claiming 56 million acres of the Slope.

When oil was discovered at Prudhoe Bay shortly thereafter, the association was at the forefront of talks that spanned many years and thousands of miles, from the tundra of

Barrow to the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C.

"I believe that they wanted to create their own destiny," said Carroll. "They had self-determination. They didn't want somebody else doing it for them. They wanted to take care of themselves. They were fiercely independent people."

It's grown over time into the nonprofit organization it is now, managing Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Barrow, where it held its anniversary celebration. It's had a long and colorful history and Carroll said she hoped that legacy will continue to grow and develop in the coming years.

"My vision for ASNA is to have solid ground and financial stability and to be this environment where people are always working towards recruiting our own and growing our own that we now have to import like doctors and dentists, pharmacists, radiologists," said Carroll. "All those jobs are available there and they're good paying jobs. So, my vision is to see our own people there, healthy, and in a great working place."

Interest on hold for offshore development

In a very different business sector, 2015 has been the year of shifting tides of interest regarding oil and gas development in the Arctic.

Royal Dutch Shell decided to abandon its offshore Arctic drilling prospects this fall after failing to find the resources it sought with its test well in the Chukchi Sea.

The announcement came as a surprise to many, who thought this would be the year the Arctic further opened to large-scale offshore development in the far north.

Shell's advances were marred by protests from the time the drilling rig, the Polar Pioneer, set out for Alaska from Seattle in June.

"Kayaktivists" attempted to block the rig's movements out of Washington and there were additional protests on land as it made its way through the Aleutian chain to the Chukchi Sea, following approval of the exploration from the federal government earlier this year.

After technical problems and questions regarding the placement of the rigs and wells held up the process in the following

months, Shell pulled the plug on the exploration for the "foreseeable future," citing high costs, an "unpredictable" regulatory environment, and disappointing findings.

This goes against the grain of the final report released by the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission in February which cited development of oil and gas as key in guiding the future policy of Alaska with regard to the Arctic.

Ups and downs for hunting and fishing

Policy on the subsistence front saw some major changes in 2015, with the first restrictions in decades placed on Arctic caribou herds this summer.

Declining populations of the animals led to reductions to bag limits and season length that started July 1 and affected both resident and nonresident hunters.

The decision to impose the limits was a collaborative effort of governmental bodies and local advisory groups made up of hunters and other stakeholders for the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk herds.

"I would like to recognize the sense of cooperation involved in this decision," said Kotzebue Wildlife Biologist Jim Dau, who retired at the end of this year, before the Game Board in Anchorage earlier in 2015. "All these villages and advisory committees are willing to restrict themselves, willing to take a hit to conserve caribou. It's really amazing given the importance of caribou to subsistence users, and I would have to say working with the villages and the advisory committees on this is one of the highlights of my career."

The Western Arctic herd is Alaska's largest and at last count numbered about 235,000 animals in July 2013. That's a decrease from the 325,000 in 2011 and well below the 2003 peak of 490,000.

Dau said in December of last year that while he doesn't have hard data to back it up, he thinks changing weather patterns started the initial decline. While the herd size is dwindling, the number of predators has gone up.

Lincoln Parrett, a Fairbanks-based wildlife biologist who closely tracks the Teshekpuk herd which ranges to the east of

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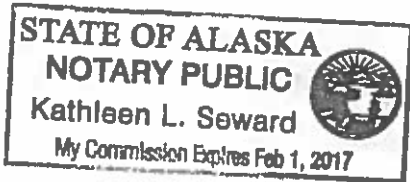
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ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

A. General

Enhanced Lifeline support is an additional level of lifeline support beyond the amount previously provided by basic lifeline service. It is available only to qualifying low-income customers residing on Tribal Lands beginning October 1, 2000. Tribal Lands are defined as reservations or near reservations as those terms are defined in Subpart A of the regulations promulgated by the US Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Tribal Lands include any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688) which is defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Government for the special programs and services provided by the Secretary of the Interior to Indians because of their status as Indians. All of Alaska has been determined to be Tribal Lands by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

A. General (Continued)

1. Enhanced Lifeline is a reduction in the local service charges normally paid by qualifying low-income customers residing on Tribal Lands. These reductions are from the Residential Exchange Access Service subscribed to by the customer and include both Federal and State reductions. The Federal Lifeline reduction shall be used in part to waive the customer's federal end-user Subscriber Line Charge (SLC).
2. The following services are included:
 - a. Single party, voice grade access to public switched network;
 - b. Access to emergency services;
 - c. Access to operator services;
 - d. Access to interexchange services, unless toll blocking is chosen;
 - e. Access to directory assistance; and,
 - f. Toll blocking, if requested.

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ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

B. Regulations

To qualify for Enhanced Lifeline, a customer must meet the criteria under either 1, the Program Based Criteria or 2, the Income Based Criteria below.

1. Program Based Criteria: In order to qualify for Enhanced Lifeline service under the program based criteria, an applicant must meet the requirements of a and b below:

a. The customer must participate in one of the following programs:

- (1) Medicaid
- (2) Food Stamps
- (3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- (4) Federal Public Housing Assistance
- (5) Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- (6) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- (7) Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- (8) Head Start Programs (Only those meeting its income qualifying standard.)
- (9) National School Lunch Program (Free meals program only.)
- (10) Alaska Temporary Assistance Program
- (11) Alaska Adult Public Assistance Program

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ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

B. Regulations (Continued)

1. Program Based Criteria (Continued)

a. The customer must participate in one of the following programs:

- (12) VA Disability Pension
- (13) Child Care Assistance Program – PASS I, II and III
- (14) Woman, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- (15) Alaska State Housing Corporation Programs:
 - Public Housing
 - Interest Rate Reduction for Low Income Borrowers
 - Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
 - Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- (16) Senior Citizen Housing Development Fund
- (17) State of Alaska Heating Assistance Program
- (18) Pioneer Home Payment Assistance
- (19) Denali Kid Care
- (20) Senior Care

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ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

B. Regulations (Continued)

2. Income Based Criteria: A customer is eligible to participate in the Enhanced Lifeline program if the customer lives in a household with income at or below 135 percent of the applicable federal poverty guidelines for the State of Alaska, as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, except that for purposes of this section, where the term "family unit" appears in the federal poverty guidelines, "family unit" has the meaning given "household". "Household" is defined as all persons who occupy a housing unit, regardless of whether they are related to each other. "Income" is defined as all income received by all members of the household. This includes salary before deductions for taxes, public assistance benefits, social security payments, pensions, unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, inheritances, alimony, child support payments, workers compensation benefits, gifts, lottery winnings and the like. The only exceptions are student financial aid, military housing and cost of living allowances, irregular income from occasional small jobs such as babysitting or lawn mowing, and the like.

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ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

B. Regulations (Continued)

2. Income Based Criteria (Continued)

a. A customer qualifying under 2 of this section must:

- (1) Sign a document certifying under penalty of perjury the number of individuals in the customer's household and the customer's household income;
- (2) Agree to notify the Company when the customer's household income exceeds the 135 percent threshold; and
- (3) Provide documentation of income in the form of:
 - (a) A previous year's state or federal tax return;
 - (b) A current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub;
 - (c) A statement of benefits from the United States Social Security Administration;
 - (d) A statement of benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
 - (e) A retirement or pension statement of benefits;
 - (f) An unemployment or workers compensation statement of benefits;
 - (g) A federal or tribal notice letter of participation in general assistance;
 - (h) A divorce decree or child support document; or
 - (i) Any other official document issued by a provider of income to document that income.

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ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

B. Regulations (Continued)

2. Income Based Criteria (Continued)

- b. If the documentation provided under 2.a(3) of this section does not cover a full year, the documentation must cover at least three consecutive months in the current calendar year.
- c. The Company is not required to retain the documentation of eligibility that the customer provides under 2.a(3) above.
- d. The Company shall retain a customer's self-certification document for as long as the customer receives Enhanced Lifeline service from the Company.

3. The residence premises at which the residential service is requested is the applicant's principal place of residence.

4. Enhanced Lifeline is available on the primary residential line only.

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ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

B. Regulations (Continued)

5. The Company may not disconnect Enhanced Lifeline service or refuse to provide Enhanced Lifeline service to an eligible customer for non-payment of any of the following:
 - a. Toll charges;
 - b. Cable Television charges;
 - c. Satellite Television charges;
 - d. Charges for cellular telephone service, if those charges are for service other than lifeline service;
 - e. Charges for services not subject to Commission regulation;
 - f. Charges for a bundle of services if local service is part of the bundle.
6. If the consumer chooses "toll blocking" the Company will not charge a deposit for Enhanced Lifeline service.
7. If an Enhanced Lifeline customer makes a partial payment on a bill that includes both local service and non-local services, the Company shall apply the partial payment to local service first, unless the customer directs otherwise.
8. The Company shall annually select a random sample of Enhanced Lifeline customers and re-verify that those customers remain eligible for Enhanced Lifeline services pursuant to 1.b and 2.a of this section.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

EXPANDED LINK UP SERVICE

A. General

Link Up Service consists of a 100% reduction up to a maximum of \$100 for new service connection charges for qualifying residential customers who apply for residential service as outlined in the Rate Schedules contained in this tariff.

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Expanded Link Up Service is an additional level of support for initial connection charges beyond what is available as Link Up Service. It is available only to qualifying low-income customers residing on Tribal Lands. All of Alaska has been determined to be Tribal Lands by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. The Expanded Link Up program provides a reduction to standard charges imposed on qualifying low-income individuals on Tribal Lands as a condition of initiating service, including both line extension and initial connection charges. Expanded Link Up Service provides for:

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- A 100% reduction, up to \$100 of a qualifying subscriber's initial connection charges.
- Total maximum support amount of \$100 per qualifying low income subscriber.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

EXPANDED LINK UP SERVICE

A. General

Link Up Service consists of a 50% discount up to a maximum of \$30 for new service connection charges for qualifying residential customers who apply for residential service as outlined in the Rate Schedules contained in this tariff.

Expanded Link Up Service is an additional level of support for initial connection charges beyond what is available as Link Up Service. It is available only to qualifying low-income customers residing on Tribal Lands, beginning October 1, 2000. All of Alaska has been determined to be Tribal Lands by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. The Expanded Link Up program provides a reduction to standard charges imposed on qualifying low-income individuals on Tribal Lands as a condition of initiating service, including both line extension and initial connection charges. Expanded Link Up Service provides for:

- A 50% discount on the first \$60 of a qualifying subscriber's initial connection charges up to a maximum of \$30.00.
- An additional \$70.00 to cover 100% of any remaining charges associated with initiating service between \$60.00 and \$130.00.
- Total maximum support amount of \$100 per qualifying low income subscriber.

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EXPANDED LINK UP SERVICE

A. General (Continued)

The supported services under this section do not include charges assessed for facilities or equipment that fall on the customer's side of the demarcation point; i.e., customer premises equipment and inside wiring charges.

The customer may defer payment on up to \$200 of the above charges without interest for a period not to exceed one year. The deferred charges do not include any permissible security deposits required. Payments shall be equally paid over a twelve (12) month period. If any payments are delayed, interest shall accrue from that date forward.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

EXPANDED LINK UP SERVICE

B. Regulations

1. To qualify for Expanded Link Up Service, a customer must participate in at least one of the programs under 1.a, or meet the income threshold as described under 2 of the Enhanced Lifeline regulations in this tariff.
2. A qualifying customer must follow the requirements listed under 1.b, or 2.a of the Enhanced Lifeline regulations in this tariff.

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EXPANDED LINK UP SERVICE

B. Regulations (Continued)

3. The residence premises at which the residential service is requested is the applicant's principal place of residence.
4. Expanded Link Up Service is available on the primary residential line only.
5. Expanded Link Up Service assistance shall be provided a subsequent time only for a principal residence with a different address than the residence where Link Up Service was previously provided.

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OTZ TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

RATE SCHEDULES

ENHANCED LIFELINE SERVICE

A. Applicability

The rates and terms specified herein apply to all residential customers of the Telephone Company who apply for Residential Exchange Access Service and who meet the means test specified in this tariff.

The monthly recurring charges for this service are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges filed in this tariff.

B. Rates

	<u>Monthly Recurring Charge</u>	
Enhanced Lifeline Service	\$0.00	R

The reductions from the local residential service charges are from state and interstate universal service funds.

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OTZ TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

RATE SCHEDULES

EXPANDED LINK UP SERVICE

A. Applicability

The rates and terms specified herein apply to all residential customers who meet the eligibility requirements for Expanded Link Up Service as shown in the General Exchange Services section of this tariff.

The charges for this service are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges filed in this tariff.

B. Rates

Expanded Link Up Service is available only to qualifying low income customers residing on Tribal Lands. Expanded Link Up Service provides for a 100% discount of a qualifying subscriber's initial connection charges up to a maximum of \$100.00. The supported services under this section do not include charges assessed for facilities or equipment that fall on the customer's side of the demarcation point; i.e., customer premises equipment and inside wiring charges.

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3010: Milestone Certification

In compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(i), OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. includes in this filing associated with its progress report on its five-year service quality plan a letter providing a “Milestone Certification”.

54.313(g) Areas with no terrestrial backhaul

None of the OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (OTZ) exchanges are connected by roads and all are served by satellite backhaul facilities. All locations are able to support the broadband service level of 1Mbps downstream/256kpbs upstream. Kotzebue has microwave middle mile access but is not able to support the broadband service level because of cost prohibitive backhaul facilities¹. Per the 3rd Order on Reconsideration the Federal Communications Commission has acknowledged this issue at Paragraph 46.

46. We appreciate the concerns raised by the Alaska Rural Coalition and ACS that it may not be cost-effective to serve certain customers due to the high cost of backhaul. Rather than granting a blanket exemption of the broadband obligations established for rate-of-return companies in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, we clarify, as the Alaska Rural Coalition requests, that our current rules provide sufficient flexibility to take into account any unique circumstances that may impact the ability of rate-of- return companies to extend broadband to their customers, including backhaul costs. As the Coalition notes, rate-of-return carriers are required to provide service meeting the specified characteristics on *reasonable* request, which, the Commission explained in the *Order*, was an obligation similar to the voice deployment obligation many of those carriers were already subject to. This obligation, enforced in the first instance by the relevant ETC-designating authority (generally the state), permits these entities to take into account backhaul costs or other unique circumstances that may make it cost-prohibitive to extend service to particular customers, in Alaska or any other area. We intend to carefully monitor developments in this regard and will consider making further clarifications or revisions if necessary.

OTZ continues to seek economically sound solutions to address the provisioning of required broadband speeds given the extremely high costs of middle mile. Unlike urban areas, due to the cost of satellite connections necessary to provide broadband to the customer, high-speed broadband cannot be unlimited. Managing the network with various service offerings is essential to promote the use and enjoyment of the Internet by all of our customers.

¹ FCC 12-52 paras. 45-46



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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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Re: Certification via Form 481, Line No. 3010A

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with and attached to Form 481, OTZ submits certification to the Commission that it provides high speed internet to customers and that:

- OTZ takes reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.
- Reasonable requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.
- OTZ provides broadband service with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and
- OTZ's service area is roughly the size of the state of Indiana and most of the exchanges are located north of the Arctic Circle, in an area in northwest Alaska encompassing 40,762 square miles. The service area consists of insular and isolated communities.
- OTZ continues to seek economically sound solutions to address the provisioning of required broadband speeds given the prohibitive costs of middle-mile facilities in Northwest Alaska. Due to the high costs associated with providing satellite connections, unlimited high-speed broadband cannot be provided to OTZ's customers at a reasonable economic rate.

If there are any questions, I may be reached at 907-442-1000.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Neal
Chief Executive Officer

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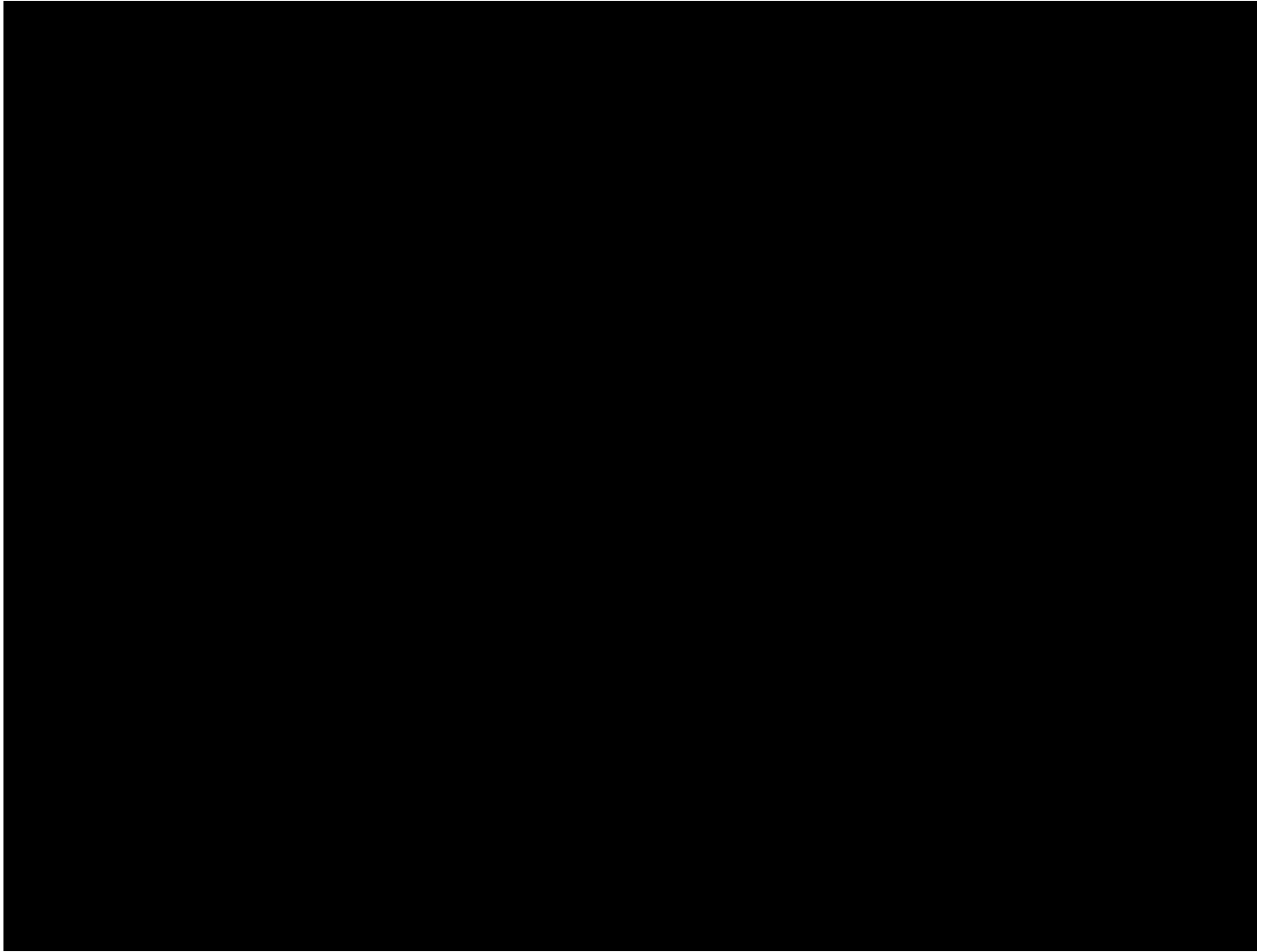
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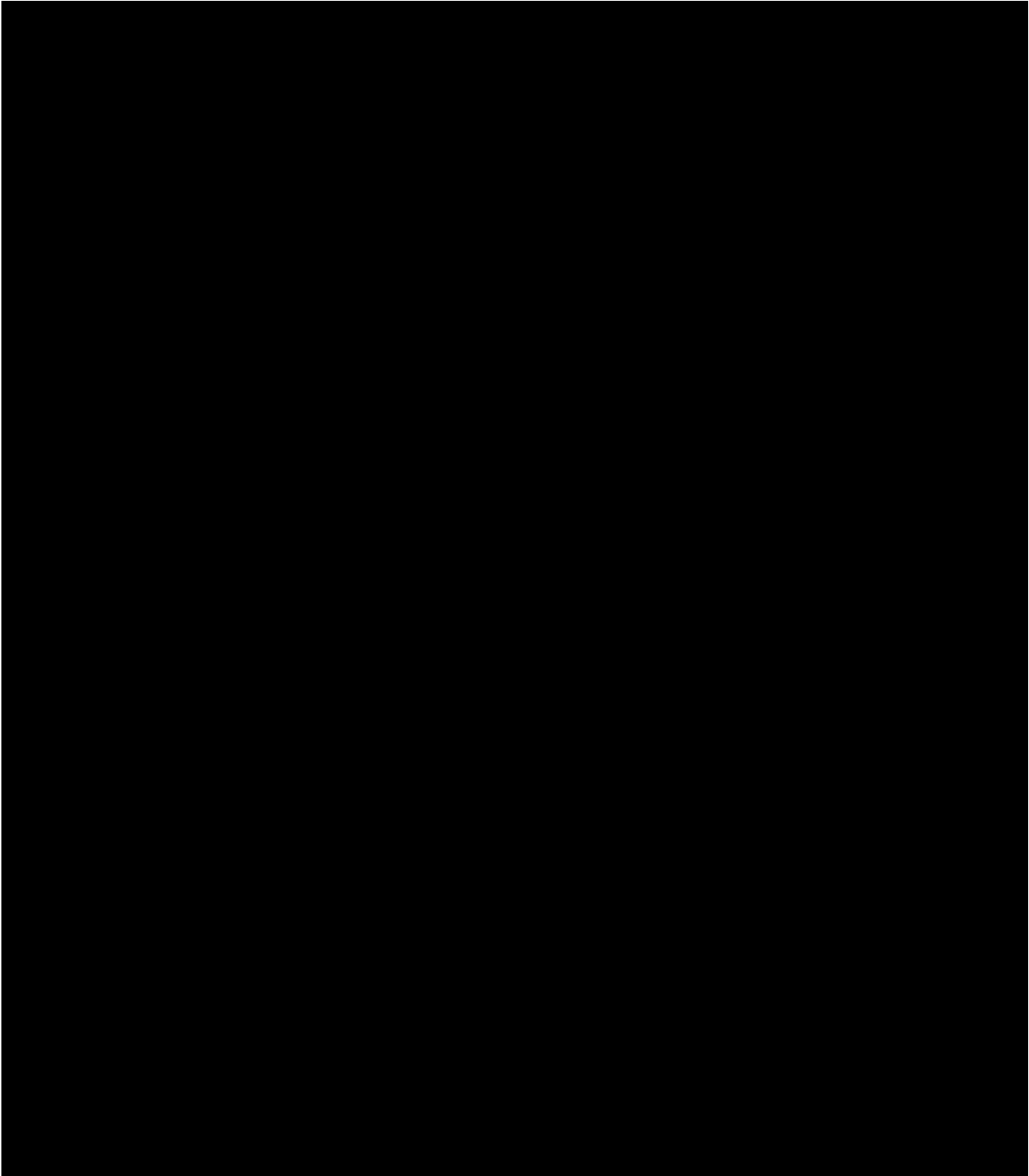
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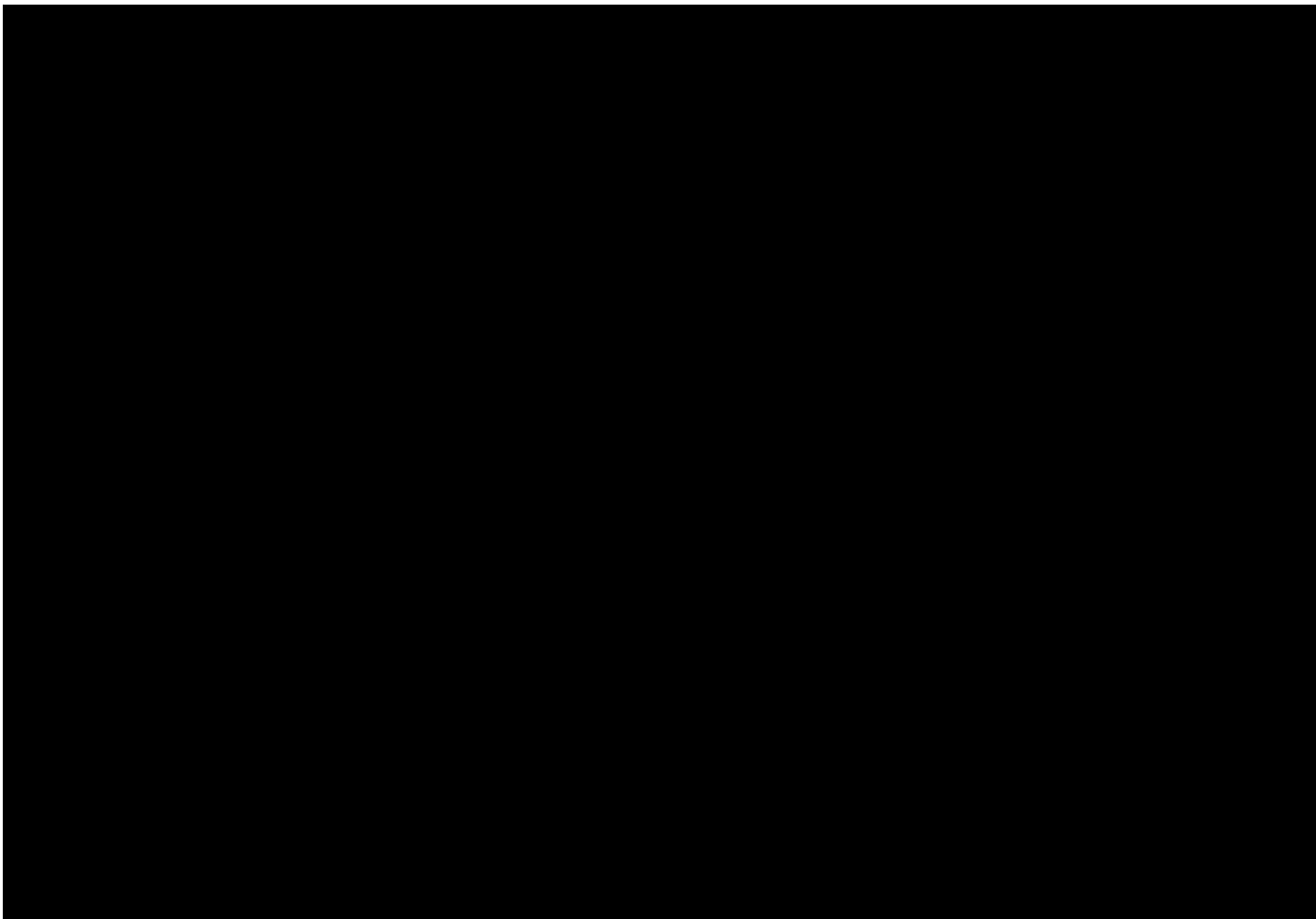
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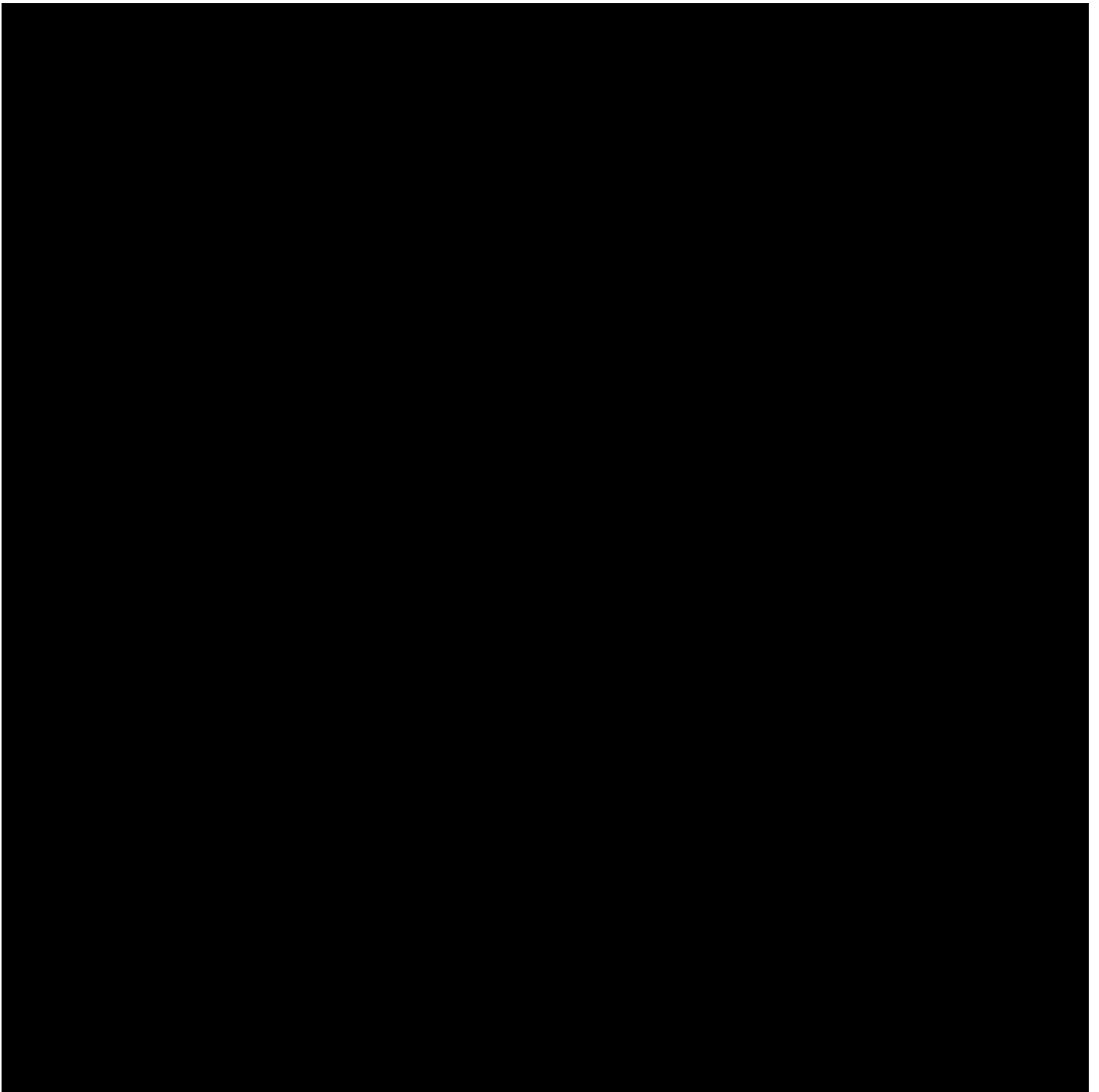


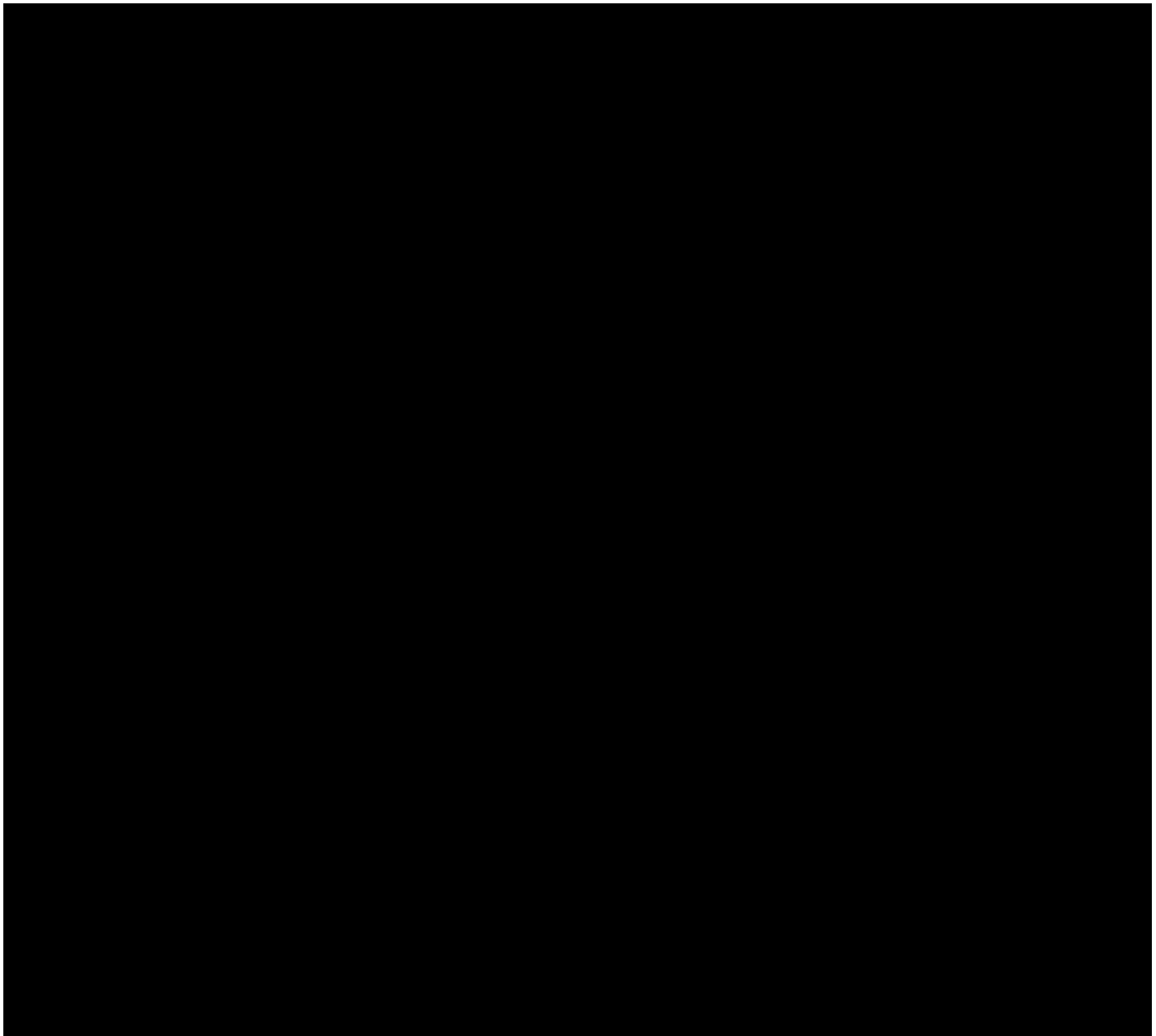
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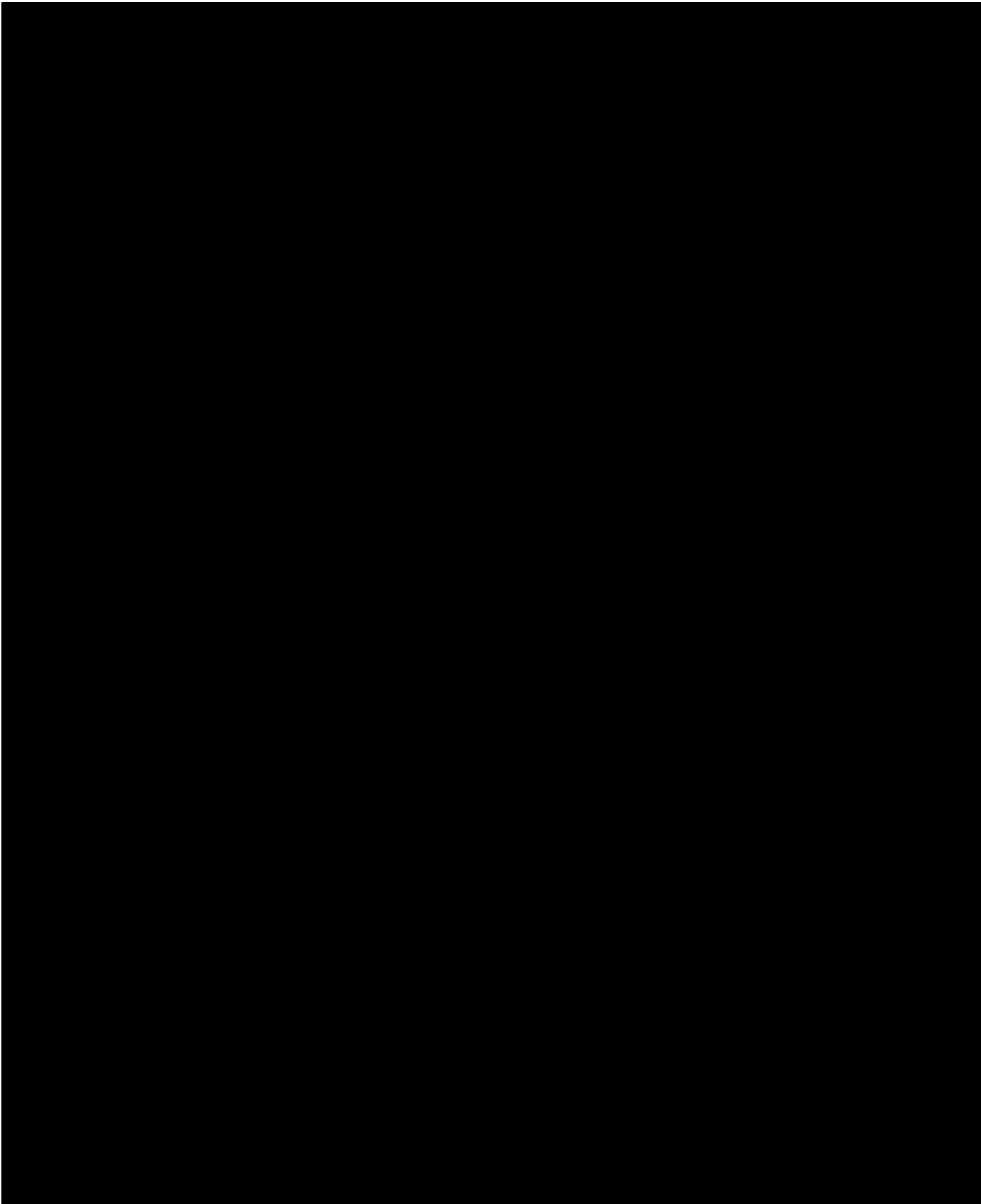
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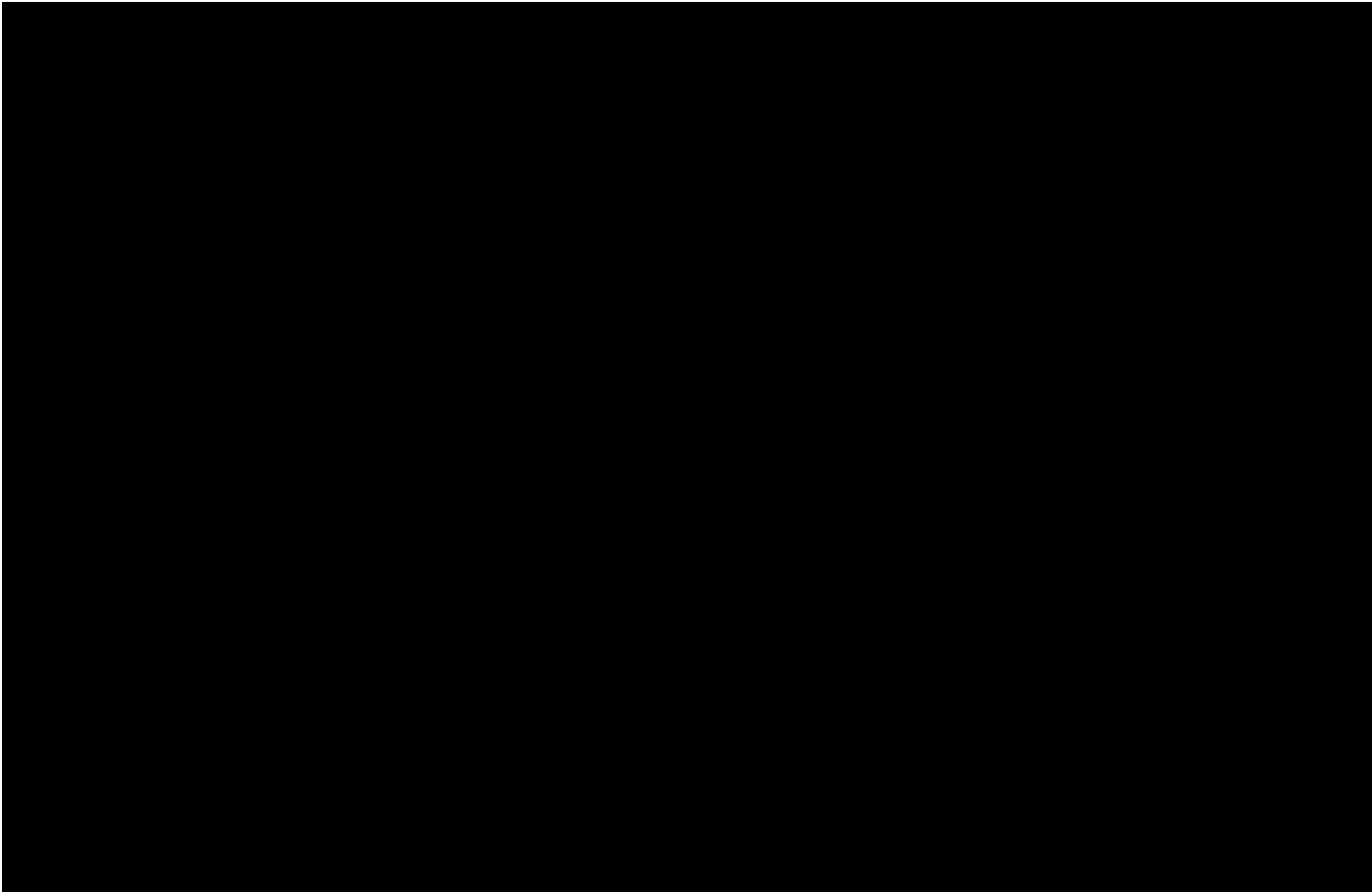


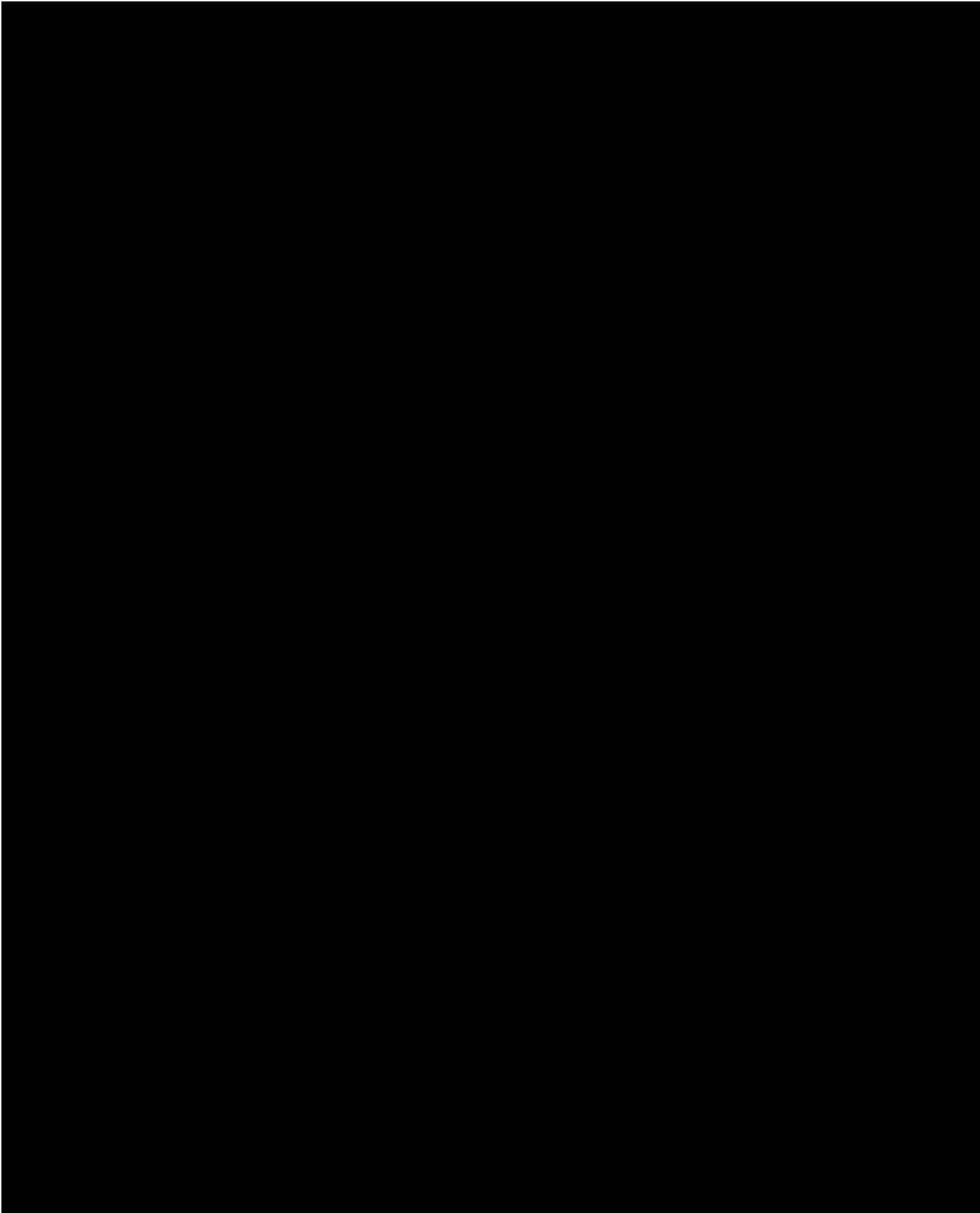
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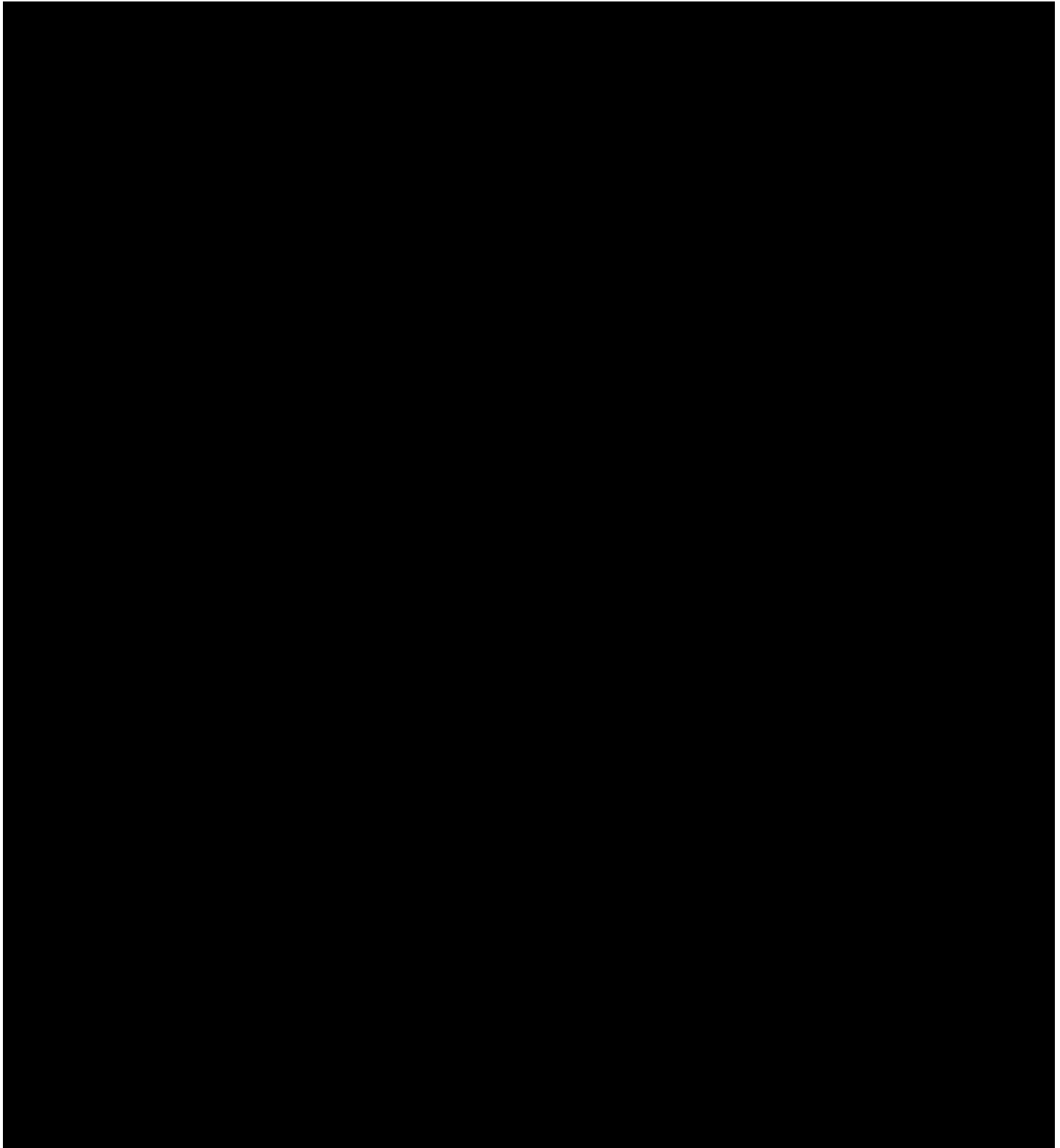


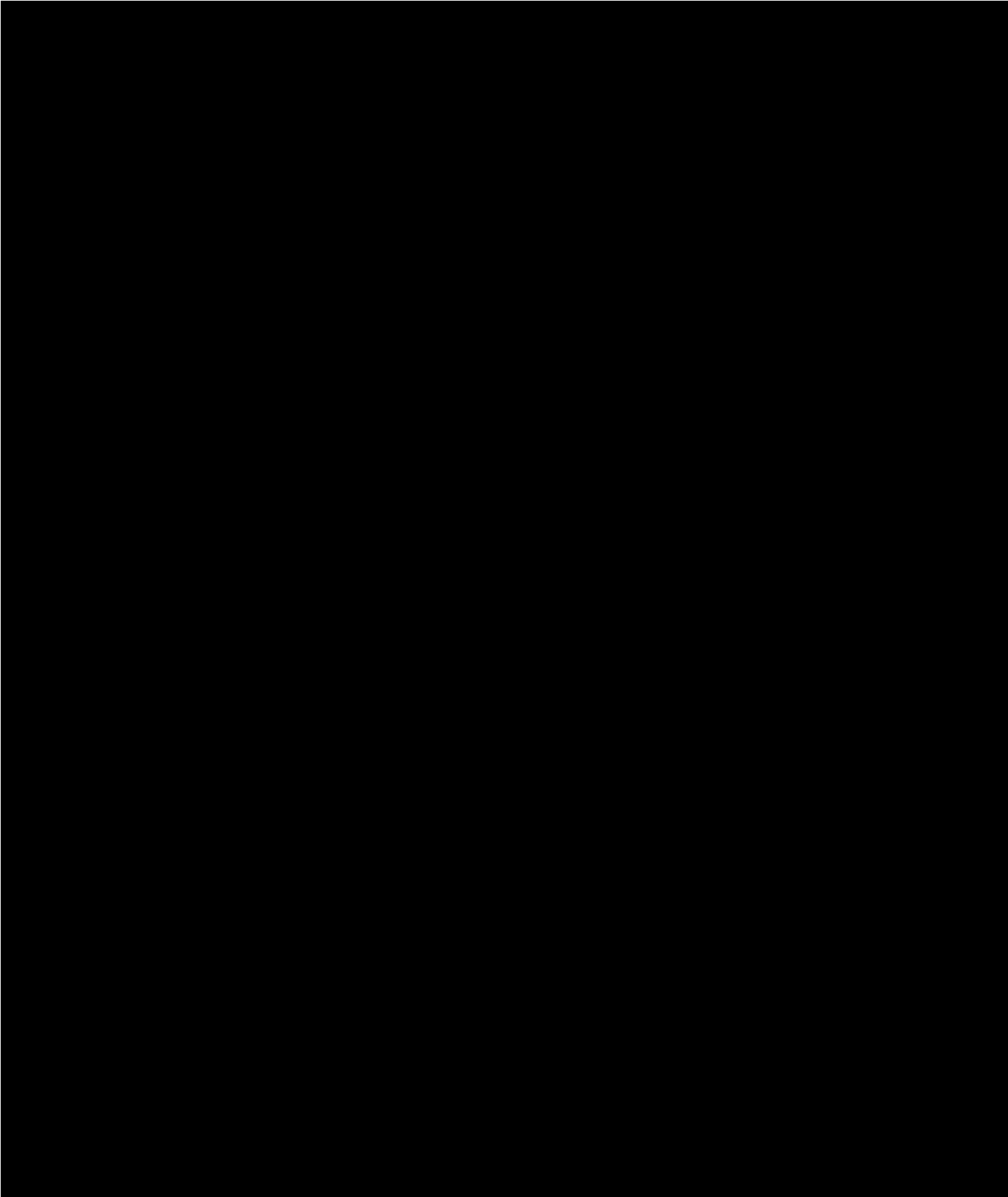


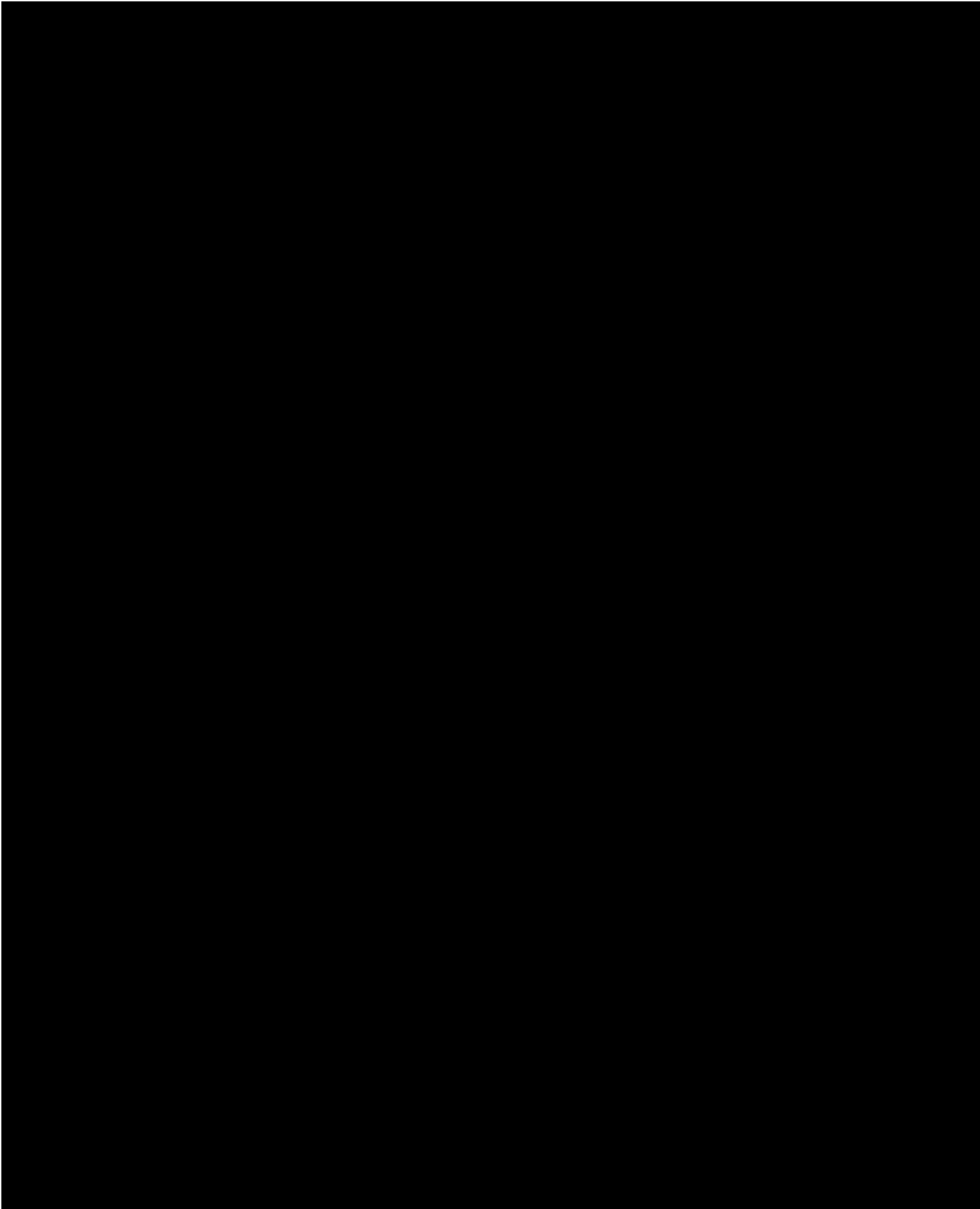


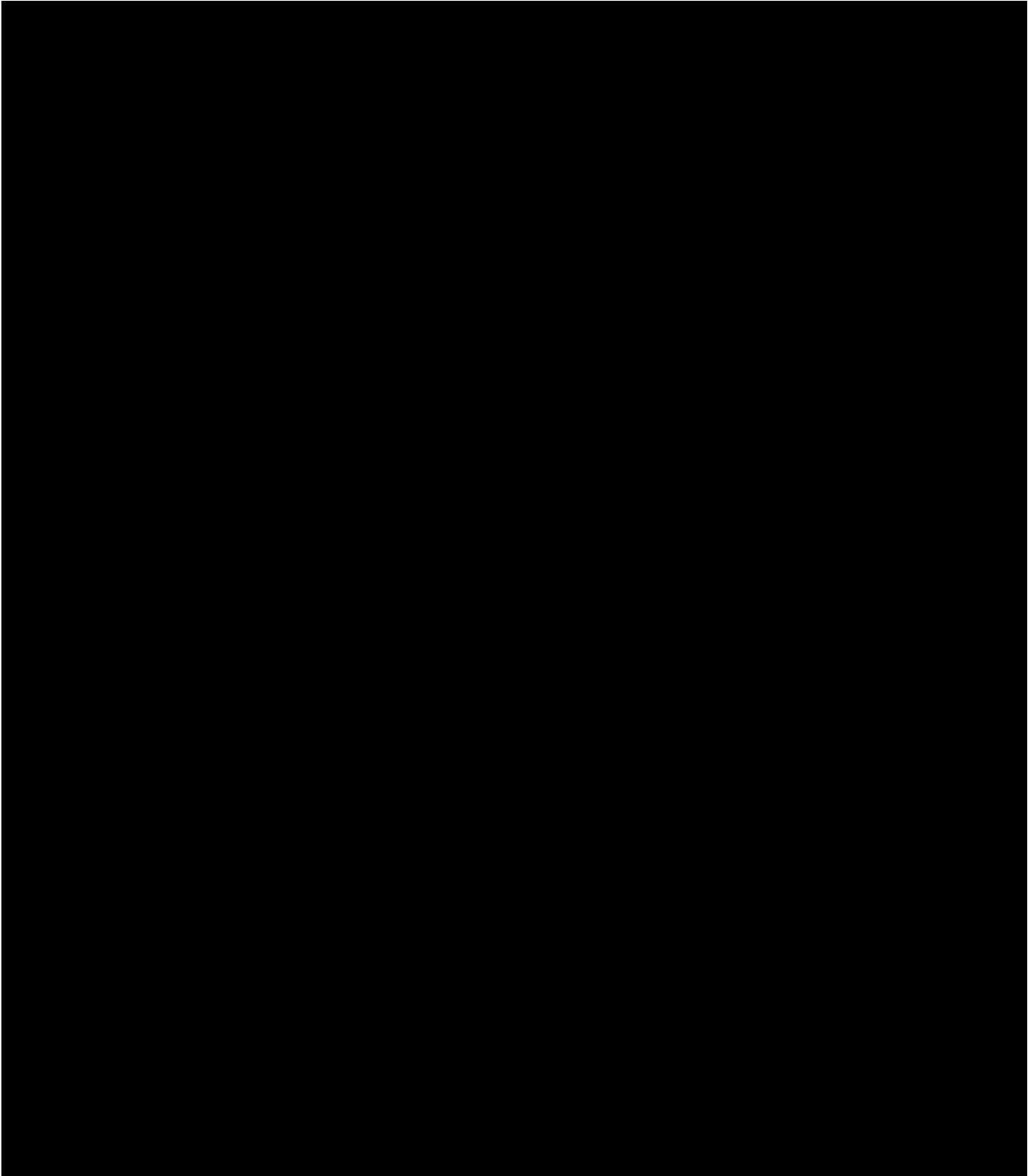


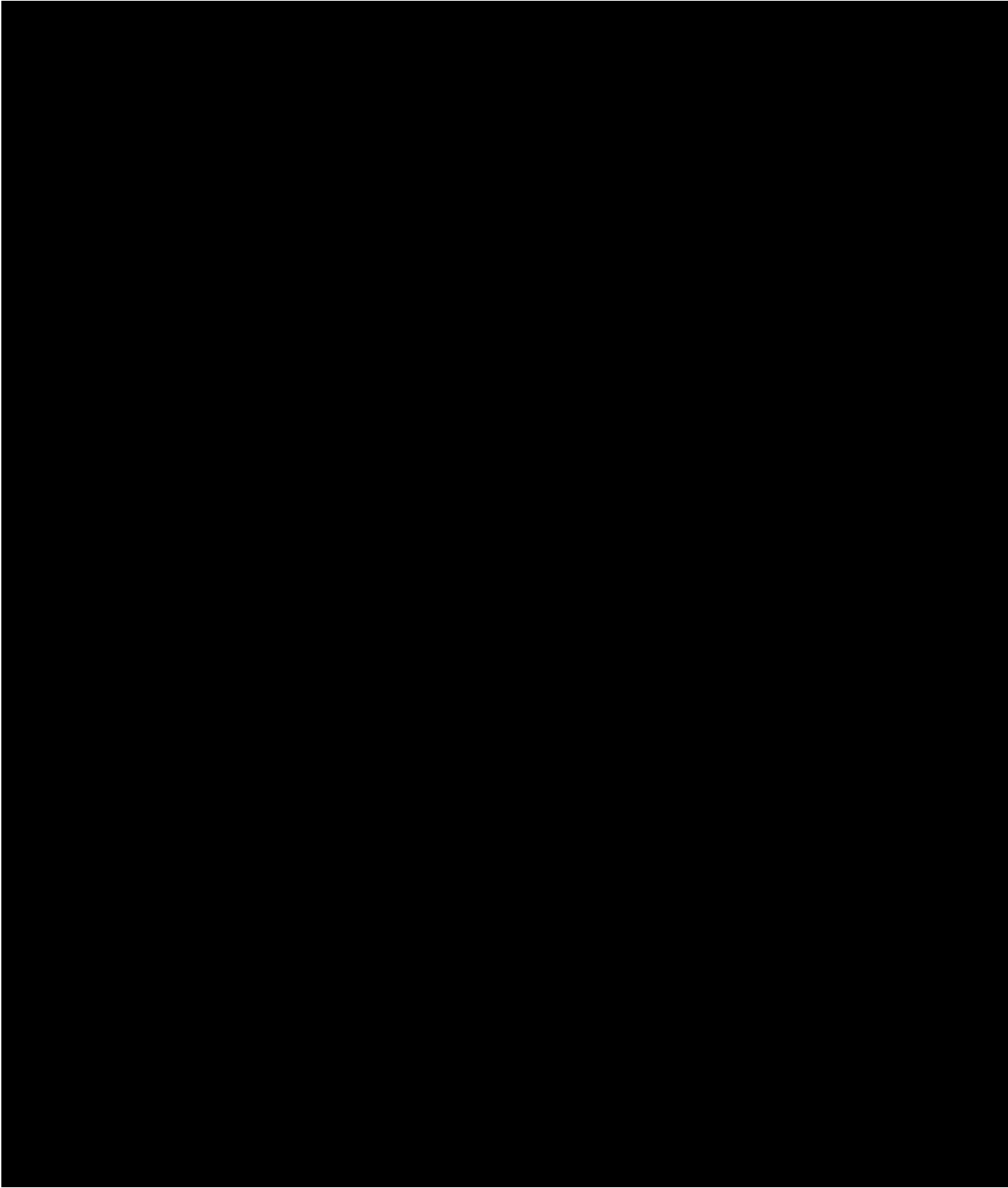


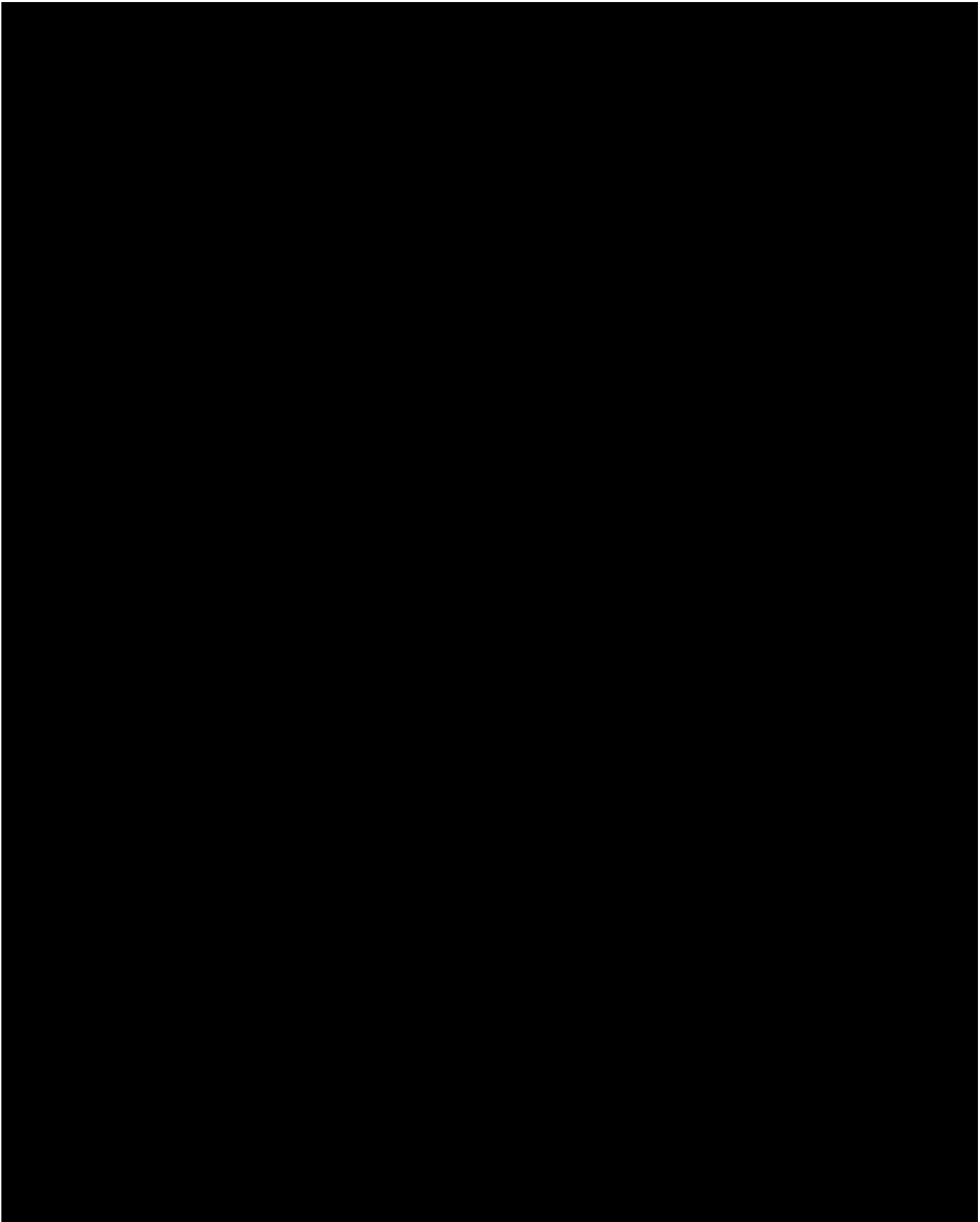


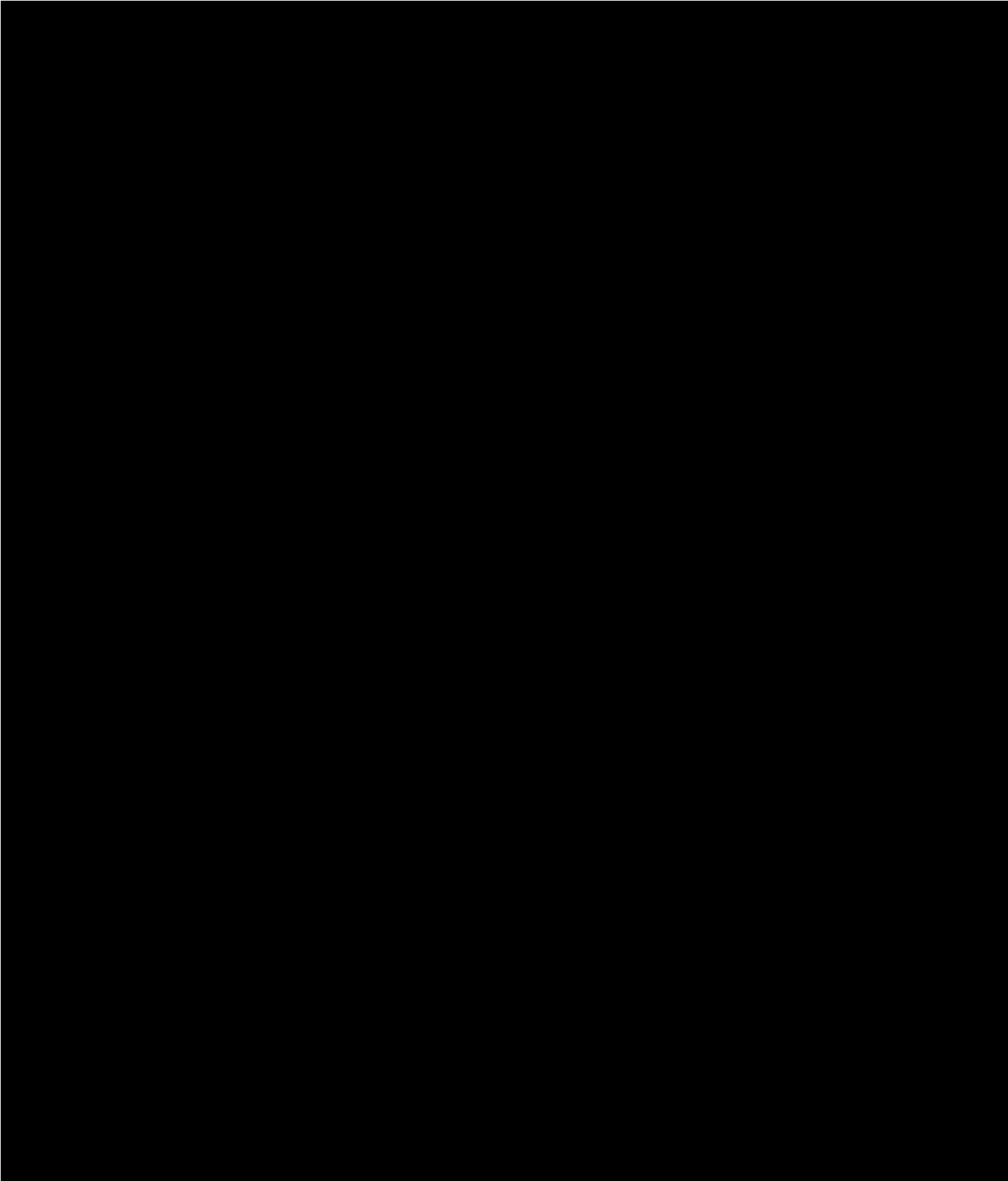


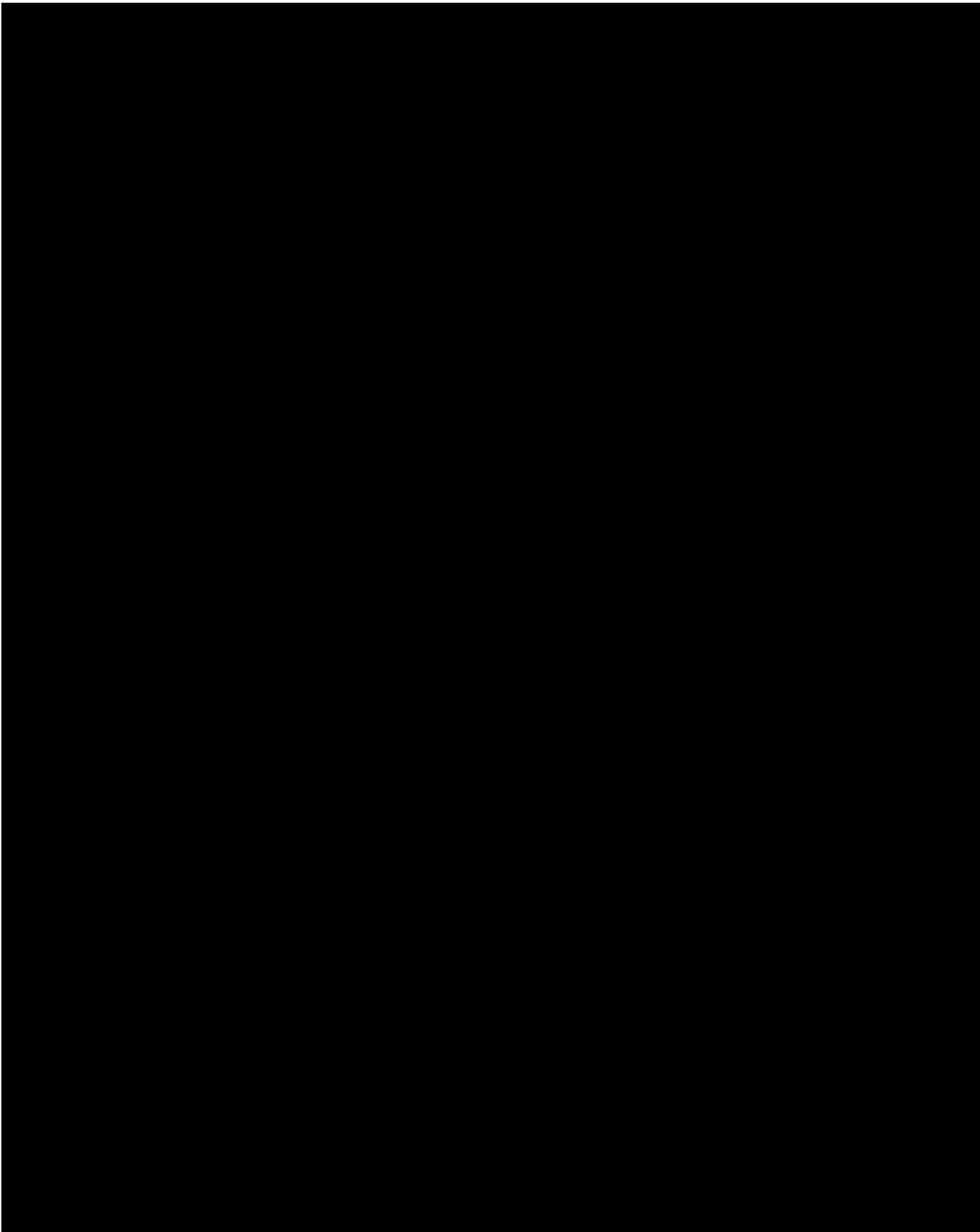


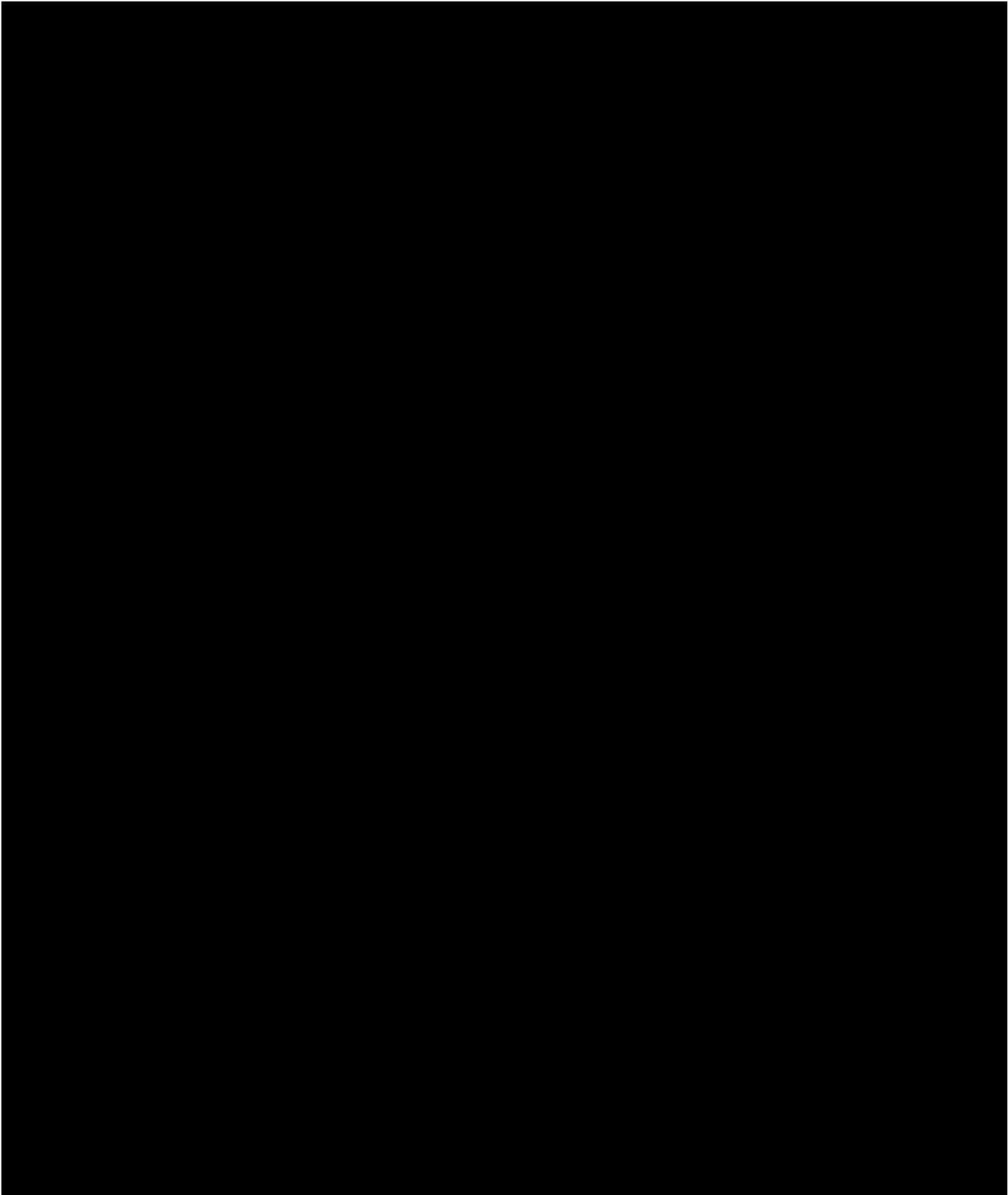


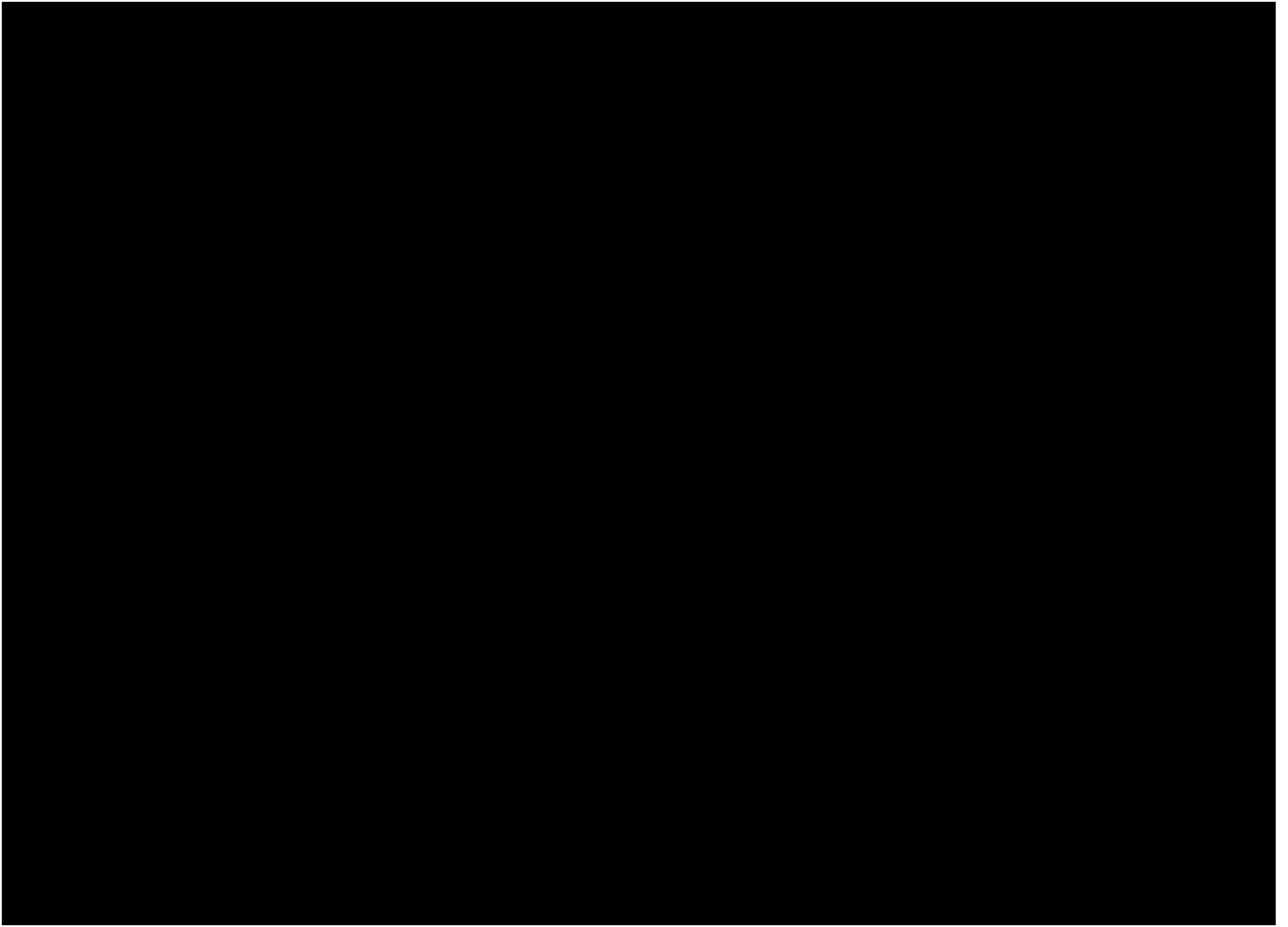












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